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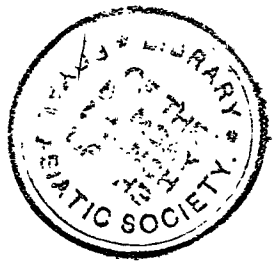
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REVENUE AND SCARCITY DEPARTMENT

Nagpur, the 29th March 1916.

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Report by the Financial Commissioner on the Land Revenue Administration of the Central Provinces during the year 1914-15.

Report on the operations of the Land Records and Settlement Departments in the Central Provinces during the year 1914-15.

RESOLUTION.

Although the crops of the year gave, on an average over the Province, a normal outturn, the season was one of considerable disappointment. The northern districts, which had suffered from scarcity in the previous year, reaped a fine kharif harvest, but the rabi crop was spoilt by the dryness of the sowing season and by untimely rain at harvest time. The cotton-tracts gathered a fair yield of cotton, but the outbreak of the war enormously reduced the value of the produce, and in Chhattisgarh what was expected to turn out a bumper rice-crop was marred by the depredations of the *maho* insect (*Nephotettix bipunctatus, Fabr.*). Commercial depression in the cotton-country reduced the weaving communities to sore straits, and extensive operations were taken for their relief at Nagpur and Burhanpur. Elsewhere, however, there was no evidence of depression; on the contrary the year was in some respects a distinctly successful one. There was an increase in the area occupied for cultivation, both in the malguzari and in the ryotwari areas; cattle disease was less prevalent than usual and, except in the case of cotton, very high prices were obtained by cultivators for the produce of the chief staple crops.

2. Although practically the whole of the current revenue demand was collected, it was deemed inadvisable to collect in full the large arrear balance, amounting to 12½ lakhs of rupees, which had stood over from the preceding year of scarcity. The question of these outstandings received careful consideration from time to time, and in the Jubbulpore district alone a sum of 2¾ lakhs of rupees was remitted and the district was enabled to start the year with a clean slate, while elsewhere, mainly in the Damoh and Mandla districts, arrears of more than two lakhs were allowed to remain under suspension. A similarly lenient policy was followed in the case of *takavi* outstandings, suspension of repayment being granted in respect of 4⅓ lakhs out of a total demand of 19⅓ lakhs.

3. Judging from the number of cases instituted there appears to have been a marked decrease in the volume of revenue business and it is therefore unsatisfactory to find that the pending file, especially of old cases, increased considerably. Particularly is this the case in the Damoh, Nimar, Nagpur and Wardha districts, and the explanations given in the district reports are, in the Chief Commissioner's opinion, inadequate. On the other hand partition cases, always troublesome and often highly contentious, have been disposed of expeditiously, and the Bhandara officers deserve special commendation in this matter, not only for the great reduction which they have effected in the pending file, but also for the large number of partition cases—no less than 70—disposed of. In the same district there was also a large reduction in the general pending file, and it is

curious, in the circumstances, to find the Deputy Commissioner objecting to the policy of delegating powers to Sub-Divisional Officers on the ground that these officers will be over-burdened with work. It should be sufficiently obvious that it takes less time to pass orders on a case than to prepare a report on it for the orders of higher authority. During the year an important measure of decentralization was the delegation of certain powers under the Tenancy Act, hitherto exercised only by the Deputy Commissioner of the district, to officers exercising the powers of a Deputy Commissioner under the Land Revenue Act.

4. In the Land Records Department the most important measure of the year was the amalgamation of the cadre of Superintendents of Land Records and their Assistants with that of Tahsildars and Naib-Tahsildars. It has always been a complaint in the past that Tahsil officers were not sufficiently in touch with the Land Records staff in their tahsils, and the reason has no doubt been that they are not sufficiently acquainted with the rules and orders issued from time to time in the Land Records Department, the Superintendent of Land Records being regarded as the district specialist in this matter. Occasional periods of service in charge of the Land Records office as Superintendent should do much to keep up to date the knowledge of a Tahsildar and give him a special insight into the work.

5. The discipline of the Land Records staff, to judge from the punishment roll, seems to have improved. In this connection the division of patwaris into different grades, among which reduction and promotion is possible, is being gradually introduced, and should do much to facilitate the maintenance of discipline. The practice of fining patwaris has been abolished, and Deputy Commissioners have consequently found it difficult to inflict any punishment short of dismissal : under the graded system promotion or reduction will serve as a ready and suitable means of reward or punishment.

6. Five settlements were in progress during the year, and the Chief Commissioner is much gratified alike by the volume and by the standard of the work carried out. The most interesting feature of the year was Mr. Corbett's report on the so-called deterioration of villages in the Khurai tahsil of Saugor, proving beyond all possible doubt that large areas of the finest land have been allowed to lie waste, partly on account of the profits of grazing but largely from a deliberate attempt to escape assessment at re-settlement. The Saugor malguzars had received due and public warning from Sir Reginald Craddock in 1910 that these attempts at evasion would be firmly dealt with, and Sir Benjamin Robertson, in his orders for the assessment of the fertile areas lying uncultivated, has acted in full accordance with that warning. It is interesting, in view of this policy and in support of it, to notice that the completion of Settlement operations in parts of the Saugor district has been followed by a marked increase of the area occupied for cultivation. In the Umrer tahsil of the Nagpur district slackness of cultivation and the practice of non-residence have similarly resulted in under-development of the cultivable area, and the assessment of land at reasonable rates is a matter of great difficulty. Practical considerations prevent, in many cases, the imposition of the full enhancement justifiable, and the Settlement Officer has received orders from the Local Administration to make greater concessions in certain instances than were allowed in his original proposals.

7. The theory and practice of land-revenue assessment are matters which are arousing increased interest and criticism among the people of these Provinces. The subject is highly technical, and measures are now being taken which are designed to place the persons affected by a re-settlement in a better position to understand the principles underlying individual assessments of rent and revenue and to bring forward any objections that they may desire to make.

8. The Land Revenue Bill was placed before the Legislative Council during the year and was referred to a Select Committee, whose report has now been received. This and other proposals for legislation, together with measures for the reform of Settlement procedure, have laid on the Financial Commissioner a specially heavy burden of work, and the Chief Commissioner is grateful to

Mr. Crump for the constant assistance and advice that he has received from him. To the Commissioners of Divisions, and to the officers favourably mentioned in their reports, the Chief Commissioner desires to express his thanks for a wholly successful year's administration. The office of Commissioner of Settlements has recently been vacated by Mr. H. E. Hemingway after three years of incumbency, and Sir Benjamin Robertson congratulates this officer on the admirable standard of expedition and despatch of work maintained in the Settlement Department throughout this period.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution and its annexures be submitted to the Government of India in the Department of Revenue and Agriculture; that copies be forwarded to all Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners, the Commissioner of Settlements and Director of Land Records and Settlement Officers, and that the Resolution be published in the Supplement to the *Central Provinces Gazette*.

J. HULLAH,

Third Secretary to the Chief Commissioner,

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Character of the season.

1. The monsoon of 1914 developed normally and gave abundant rain all over the province in July and August, but was weak in September, especially in the north of the province, while the month of October was dry, hot and practically rainless. The total rainfall was 47·31 inches as compared with the average of 48·22 for the last 47 years. The season was therefore on the whole favourable to the kharif crops, but the early cessation of the rain disappointed the hopes of a bumper return, while the dryness of the soil and the deficiency of dew in October and November were distinctly inimical to the prospects of the rabi crops. Matters were not improved by the almost entire absence of rain up till the middle of January in the principal wheat area, and though the showers received at the end of January in the Jubbulpore Division effected a slight improvement, the heavy rain and hail which fell in February and March caused considerable damage in many parts of the province.

Crops.

2. The outturn of the kharif crops was satisfactory and fairly uniform throughout the province, being nowhere very far short of normal. The most successful crops were transplanted rice with an outturn of 121 American Notation and juar with an outturn of 106.

In the Raipur and Bilaspur districts the prospects of a good rice harvest were ruined by the extensive depredations of the Maho insect (*Nephatettix bipunctatus Fabr.*) To all outward appearances the crop, in many places where these insects had been prevalent, was excellent, and it was not till the grain was harvested, that the full extent of the havoc wrought by the pest was revealed. The best method of destroying these insects is under investigation by the Agricultural Department. The rabi crops were not so successful as the kharif, partly owing to the unfavourable character of the season and partly owing to the fact that much of the seed had been damaged by rain at the preceding harvest, but the outturn showed a considerable improvement on that of the previous year. Gram gave an outturn of 90 per cent of the normal and wheat was next with 86. The only district which did really badly was Narsinghpur where the outturn of wheat was only 57.

Statistics of area and rent..

3. The total area included in holdings showed an increase of 94,163 acres which was fairly evenly distributed over the four divisions. The plentiful rainfall in the early part of the monsoon encouraged this extension of cultivation, which was a little above the normal. The principal increases were in the Mandla and Chanda districts, where there has been a steady extension averaging 12,000 and 8,000 acres per annum respectively for the last three years. In the Saugor district, where the practice of holding back land to avoid assessment had been extensively adopted, the completion of settlement operations resulted in an increase of 12,000 acres, while in Balaghat, where settlement is in progress, there was an apparent decrease of nearly 2,000 acres in the Khalsa area, though as the Commissioner of the Nagpur Division points out these figures must be taken with reserve because, for certain areas, it was found necessary to use the returns of the previous year.

The area held as *Sir* land increased by 44,884 acres, while there was a decrease of 30,585 acres in *Khudkasht*. These changes took place almost entirely in the districts under settlement. The sub-rents obtained by malguzars for their *Sir* land show a steady increase year by year and amounted to Rs. 3-1-0 per acre as compared with Rs. 2-13-0 in the previous year and Rs. 2-5-0 four years ago.

The incidence of rents paid by tenants was only Re. 0-13-5 per acre, as compared with Re. 0-13-0 in 1910-11, and there is little or no change in rental incidence except in districts under settlement.

The area in tenants' holdings showed an increase of 86,650 acres, which was distributed between ordinary and occupancy tenures. The area held rent free or in lieu of service, which has decreased steadily for several years, showed a sharp fall of nearly 10,000 acres as compared with 1913-14.

Rental collections.

4. The total rental demand of the year was 145,22,080 as compared with 1,43,16,828 in the previous year. The percentage of realization on account of current demand and arrears was generally satisfactory, especially in the Northern districts where the crops of the previous year had been poor.

Condition of the Agricultural classes.

5. The kharif and rabi harvest, though in themselves adequate, were not sufficiently favourable to make good the depletion of agricultural wealth resulting from the previous scarcity, and the year might best be described as one of recuperation rather than complete recovery and, particularly in the north of the province, small cultivators were unable entirely to shake off the legacy of depression from the preceding season. The economic effect of the war was felt principally in the cotton-growing districts, where the fall in price of cotton to one-third below normal, together with the general tightness of the money market, put a severe strain on the finances of the cultivators, especially sub-tenants who had taken fields on lease on speculative sub-rents. In the rice and wheat growing areas on the other hand, the high price of grain was favourable to the malguzars and substantial tenants, but they were not able to derive full advantage from it, because it was necessary for them to replenish their stocks which had been very largely depleted in the previous year, and the surplus available for the market was smaller than usual. In spite of the high price of food the labouring classes did not fare badly as there was a keen demand for labour and wages remained at their normal level. The only exception to this were the weavers of Nagpur and Burhanpur who turn out a high class of goods for which the principal market is in the cotton-growing areas of Berar, Nimar and Khandesh. The financial depression in these districts reduced the demand for their fabrics by nearly 50 per cent, and it was found necessary for Government to come to their rescue by buying large quantities of cloth and stocking it until an opportunity could be found of bringing it on the market. The pinch was felt by the Koshtis in some other towns also, but private assistance sufficed to tide them over the difficulty. The year was on the whole a healthy one and free from any widespread epidemic. Cattle disease was not prevalent except in Nagpur, Chanda, Mandla and Bilaspur districts. The Commissioner of the Jubbulpore Division draws attention to the need for better village to village communication in his division, particularly in the haveli area. He points out that the backwardness of this rich tract is chiefly due to the absence of any cart tracks connecting villages with the district roads, a defect which necessitates the use of the uneconomical method of selling grain to middlemen and taking it to market by pack animals. He reports that a commencement has already been made in the Jubbulpore district, but great difficulty is experienced owing to the continuous stretch of heavily embanked fields which is characteristic of the haveli tract.

Landlords and tenants.

6. Though the relations between landlords and tenants continue to be on the whole satisfactory, it is clear that there is an increasing tendency on both sides to assert legal rights which have hitherto been allowed to remain in abeyance. This is ascribed partly to an increasing knowledge of the law and partly to economic pressure arising from the growth of population and the extension of cultivation. The majority of the disputes relate to *nistar* and to grazing rights in village waste, and the Deputy Commissioner, Bhandara, remarks that they are vastly complicated by the vague and unsatisfactory terms of the Wajib-ul-arz, a point which will eceive attention in the resettlement of the district now in progress. The question of hides of cattle continues to give grounds for dispute between the kotwars and the tenants and malguzars in some districts and it would appear advisable to exclude this item from the kotwar's remuneration at settlement as has been done in Nimar.

7. The Commissioner's reports all show that the relations between the people and Government remained entirely satisfactory. The progress of the war has been marked by continuous manifestations of the loyalty of all classes of the people and calls for subscriptions for the Imperial Indian relief fund and for other purposes such as motor ambulances, have received a spontaneous and liberal response. In the early months of the war a few alarmist rumours were spread abroad by mischief makers, and in the Damoh district some ill-disposed persons commenced a series of dacoities but these were very soon stopped. The life of the country people being scarcely affected in any way they know very little of what is going on, but the educated classes in the towns take a keen interest in the war. The activities of the Veterinary and Agricultural Departments continued unabated and they have completely won the confidence of the people. The most encouraging feature is the establishment of numerous seed farms either by malguzars or by co-operative seed unions. As these are scattered over a wide area and are rapidly increasing in number, they should very soon begin to have an important effect on the agriculture of the province. For the Co-operative credit movement the year was one of consolidation rather than expansion, and the Commissioners of the Jubbulpore and Nerbudda Divisions both draw attention to the necessity for impressing on the members of Societies the desirability of paying off old debts and the dangers of outside borrowing. The campaign against pig continued, but was mainly confined to the Nerbudda Division and the Chanda district, and the operations were on the whole successful.

Attitude of the people towards Government Societies and Associations.

8. During the year 322 sanads were granted for land improvement, but it is reported that a further 225 sanads were omitted in the Nagpur district by mistake and are now being issued. Even so the total is considerably less than last year, and the general consensus of opinion is that the people are not inclined to come forward to claim a sanad owing to the necessity for an elaborate enquiry as to the nature of the improvement and the benefit it confers on the holding. That the sanads granted represent only a small proportion of the substantial improvements effected, is clear from the very large number of improvements detected in the Nagpur district during the course of the settlement, and the issue of a sanad is not essential to the exemption of the improvement from an increased assessment, as the question of the exemption of improvements forms an important part of the Settlement Officer's enquiries.

Sanads.

9. Loans advanced under the Agriculturists Loans Act and Land Improvement Loans Act amounted to Rs. 7,54,773 and Rs. 1,06,450 respectively as compared with Rs. 13,47,583 and Rs. 7,92,951 in the preceding year. The total amount due for collection including arrears and interest was Rs. 19,33,989, of which Rs. 15,10,161 were realised, and Rs. 3,294 were remitted, Rs. 1,50,576 remained overdue, and the balance of Rs. 4,38,081 suspended. These results may be regarded as on the whole satisfactory considering the character of the season. The net result of the working of the year was a small profit of Rs. 53,821 to Government.

Loans.

10. The total demand on account of Land Revenue on the roll rose from Rs. 1,00,09,901 on the 1st October 1914 to Rs. 1,01,17,387 on the 1st October 1915. This increase was mainly due to settlement operations in the Saugor and Nagpur districts. Remissions amounting to Rs. 61,530 were granted during the year, principally in the Jubbulpore district, on account of hail and rust, but no suspensions were necessary. The net demand for collection was Rs. 99,67,998, of which Rs. 99,21,854 was realised, leaving an unsuspended balance of Rs. 46,144. The demand on account of arrears was Rs. 12,58,656; of this Rs. 2,87,513 were remitted almost all in the Jubbulpore district where the rabi crop has been rather poor for several years, and Rs. 2,09,346 were allowed to remain in suspension, principally in the Damoh and Mandla districts for the same reason. The remainder was collected, with the exception of an unsuspended balance of Rs. 8,067. It is satisfactory to note that the whole of the arrears in the Chhattisgarh Division were collected. Fair progress

Land Revenue collections.

was made with the collection of arrears of Land Revenue not on the roll, which amounted to Rs. 76,211. Miscellaneous Land Revenue shows a decrease of over a lakh which took place mainly in the Nimar district, where the revenue from ths source had been temporarily inflated by the sale of malik sirkar plots. The arrears of Rs. 1,11,382 due from the Mohpani Colliery were realised in full. The number of coercive processes issued showed a considerable increase over the previous year, but hardly more than might be expected considering the heavy arrears both of Land Revenue and Taccavi, which were due for collection and the moderate outturn of the crops. It is possible too that the liberal grant of suspensions in the previous years led malguzars to hope that delay in payment would lead to further suspension or remission. The increase was largest in the Jubbulpore Division, where it was partly due to orders issued by the Commissioner with a view to securing greater punctuality in the payment of revenue, namely that immediately on default processes should be issued varying in severity according to the revenue history of the defaulters.

Ryotwari estates.

11. The allotment of waste land on Ryotwari tenure proceeded steadily, the excess in the area given out over that relinquished being about 12,000 acres, as compared with an average of 18,000 acres per annum for the last four years, and in no district was there any appreciable decline in the occupied area. The large area relinquished (49,467 acres) however shows that cultivation in these tracts has not yet reached a condition of real stability. The area available for allotment at the close of the year was only 248,485 acres and its assessment of 3 annas per acre indicates that its soil is very poor. The provision for the improvement of Ryotwari villages is reported to have been properly spent on wells and tanks and, in the Mandla district, on communications. The Commissioner of the Nagpur Division notes that owing to the migratory habits of the population the construction of a well does not always ensure permanent residence, but this cannot be helped as tenants cannot be expected to live in a village until a well has been built.

Alienation of land.

12. The number of transfers of proprietary right shows very little change from the previous year. A decrease in sales in the Nagpur Division is attributed by the Commissioner to the tightness of the money market, as is also the smaller price obtained in sales by order of the Court in that division. But these decreases were counterbalanced by increases in the other divisions so that taking the province as a whole the prices realised both in voluntary and in forced sales were slightly better than in the previous year and it seems impossible to trace any immediate effect of the conditions of the year on such sales.

Partitions.

13. Very fair progress was made in the disposal of partitions especially in the Bilaspur and Bhandara districts with a result that the pending file was reduced from 245 to 190 cases. The number of partitions actually carried out and the area affected show a large increase on the figures of previous years.

Cases under the special provisions of the Land Revenue and Tenancy Acts.

14. The effect of the scarcity of the previous year is indicated very clearly by an increase of 40 per cent in the number of applications for the ejectment of tenants and an increase of 50 per cent in the applications by lambardars for the recovery of arrears of revenue. The effect is naturally most marked in the Jubbulpore and Chhattisgarh Divisions which account for nearly three-fourths of the total increase in ejectment applications. On the other hand applications to transfer *Sir* land actually showed a decrease of 89 cases. There is little that calls for comment in cases under other heads, but applications by tenants to deposit rent show a marked decrease in Chhattisgarh and the Commissioner considers that this indicates more harmonious relations between landlords and tenants. Similarly in the Jubbulpore Division the number of applications by tenants for imposing a penalty on the landlord for refusing to grant receipt for rent fell to its normal size. The Commissioner of the Nerbudda Division remarks that some of the cases under Section 61 of the Tenancy Act for the conferral of ordinary right on sub-tenants represent an attempt to use the section to facilitate a transfer, as the tenants concerned did not oppose the applications.

Rent suits.

15. The number of suits instituted by landlords for arrears of rent was again marked by a considerable increase amounting to 20 per cent which was shared by the Jubbulpore, Nerbudda and Nagpur Divisions, while there was a small decrease in these suits in Chhattisgarh.

Land Acquisition.

16. There was no diminution in the volume of Land Acquisition work, as the acquisition of land in connection with the Mahanadi and Tandula projects continued, and it was found necessary to depute two Special Officers for this work. Irrigation channels give particular trouble as small pieces of land have to be acquired from innumerable holdings, while the fixation of crossings, the acquisition of irrigation rights and the calculation of compensation for indirect damage occupy a large amount of the Land Acquisition Officer's time. The feature of the Land Acquisition work in towns is the large number of references to the Civil Court, and the numerous cases in which the Collector's award is greatly enhanced. In some cases, although there was reason to believe that the Court's award was excessive, no appeal was filed and the rules have been amended so that all cases in which the Land Acquisition Officer's award is enhanced more than 10 per cent by the Court will be reported to the Financial Commissioner and scrutinised with a view to deciding whether an appeal should be made or not. There are still indications of unnecessary delay in the disposal of Land Acquisition cases and the attention of Commissioners was invited to the necessity of their keeping a closer watch over pending cases.

Collector's cases.

17. The number of decrees received for execution from Civil Courts varies very little from year to year and does not reflect the conditions of any particular season. These are indicated by the number of cases in which sales are averted by payment of claim and the number in which sales actually take place. In the former there was a decrease of 164 cases and in the latter an increase of 40 during the year under review. The prices realised were slightly better than in the previous year. The pending file rose considerably in every division, but no explanation is given by the Commissioners. The Deputy Commissioner, Bilaspur, is inclined to think that time is too frequently granted to judgment-debtors to pay off the debt. The change in the rules introduced in 1914, which led to more frequent reference by the Collector to higher authority must undoubtedly have had the effect of increasing the duration, but the sanction of the Government of India has recently been received to a modification of the rules so as to necessitate reference to the Commissioner only in the case of sale of ancestral villages and to the Financial Commissioner only in the case of sale of ancestral property assessed to more than Rs. 5,000 revenue and this should facilitate the prompter disposal of these cases.

General Revenue Business.

18. The increase in the number of revenue cases noticed in the previous year's report, being due to the extensive distribution of takavi, was only temporary and the figures have fallen to normal dimensions. In spite of this the pending file showed an increase of 433, to which all the divisions except Jubbulpore contributed, but no explanation is given. The Commissioner of the Chhattisgarh Division reports that in the larger zamindari estates an effort has been made to lighten the burden of the people by getting revenue case work of a formal character done locally and thus saving the trouble and expense of a long journey to the head-quarters of the tahsil. To this end revenue powers have been given in several instances to the managers of zamindari estates under the Court of Wards and the result so far has been satisfactory. There was a further large increase in revenue correspondence which is ascribed to fuller, but not unnecessary, registration. It is undoubtedly due partly to additional references connected with the war. The Deputy Commissioner, Mandla, reports that a minor improvement has been the issue of a file of standing orders to all Revenue Courts, indexed and numbered, and this might with advantage be done in other districts.

Lambardars, Mukaddams and Kotwars.

19. There is little that calls for comment as regards lambardars. The reports show that as usual there was a certain amount of friction between the lambardar and co-sharers in pattidari villages, particularly in the Bilaspur district, but

that the lambardari system as a whole worked satisfactorily. The punishment roll of mukaddams and kotwars was heavy, and the reports indicate that the remuneration of these posts is not sufficient to make them popular in view of their heavy responsibilities. The Commissioner of the Jubbulpore Division remarks that in Damoh the mukaddams showed a lack of initiative and courage in the epidemic of dacoities which took place, and the kotwars are also reported to have done badly in this connection. The Deputy Commissioner, Nimar, reports that the kotwars in that district are not yet reconciled to the decision of the Settlement Officer that they are not entitled to the skins of animals dying in the village, and it is pointed out that a loss of this source of income is a serious consideration to them in fact in the Chanda district, where the same rule is in force, many kotwars are financially worse off than they were a few years ago. The experiment of educating sons of kotwars, which was started in Betul, has been extended to some other districts, but as pointed out by the Commissioner of the Chhattisgarh Division, it is doubtful whether the boys, when they grow up, will be willing to follow the occupation of their forefathers. There was as usual a large number of applications by kotwars for the recovery of their dues and, though the provisions of Section 141 (1) of the Land Revenue Act are enforced as far as possible, it usually happens that the mukaddam has not sufficient authority in the village to recover the dues especially when, as is not infrequently the case, the malguzars are the defaulters.

Tours and Inspections.

20. The amount of touring and inspection is reported to have been on the whole adequate.

Financial Commissioner.

21. The office of Financial Commissioner was held by me throughout the year. The number of appeals disposed of was 82, of which 11 were successful. The orders of the Lower Courts were modified and reversed in 8 of the 42 applications for revision during the year. The number of applications for sanction to the transfer of *Sir* land on which orders were passed was 215.

Land Records.

22. The amalgamation of the cadres of Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents of Land Records with the subordinate Civil Service was given effect to from the 22nd December 1914, and nine of these officers have since been appointed from the Tahsildars and Naib Tahsildars of the regular line. This should have the result not only of improving the personnel of the Land Records Staff, but also of increasing the interest taken by the Tahsil staff in Land Records and in the supervision of Revenue Inspectors, a branch of work which the Land Records Report indicates is still seriously neglected in not a few tahsils. The Director of Land Records reports that the check exercised by the superior Land Records Staff was generally sufficient and proceeded on the right lines, but, as he points out, the active co-operation of the Tahsil and District Officers is essential if really satisfactory results are to be attained. To this end he suggests that disciplinary control over patwaris, that is to say powers of appointment, punishment and dismissal, should be given to Sub-Divisional Officers reserving the power of transfer only to the Deputy Commissioner. This question is now under consideration. The punishments inflicted on patwaris again shows a substantial decrease, while the number of Revenue Inspectors punished was the same as in the previous year, *viz.*, 23. The revision of the District Halkabandis is being taken up gradually and when funds permit, patwaris will be graded on a scale, which will provide them with pay adequate to the difficulty and responsibility of the duties they are called upon to perform.

Settlements.

23. Operations for the revision of settlement were in progress in the Saugor, Nagpur, Hoshangabad, Chhindwara and Balaghat districts. Forecast reports for the Seoni and Bhandara districts were submitted, and the Government of India's sanction to the inception of settlement in both cases was received after the close of the year. Satisfactory progress was made by Mr. Corbett in Saugor in spite of difficulties arising from the unevenness of rent resulting from the large margins given at the previous settlement and the abatements necessitated by the famines. The settlement of the Khurai tahsil gave special trouble owing to the malguzars

having indulged extensively in the practice of holding back land from cultivation either in order to obtain a lenient settlement or because grazing was more profitable than cultivation. This was the subject of a separate and very convincing report by Mr. Corbett. In the Nagpur district attestation work was completed and good progress was made in Hoshangabad and Chhindwara. Satisfactory results were obtained in the first year's work in Balaghat where difficulties arose connected with the recording of irrigation rights and the estimate of siwai income. The Commissioner of Settlements speaks very highly of the work of all the Settlement officers.

Map correction preliminary to assessment was in progress in the Hoshangabad, Chhindwara, Balaghat, Seoni and Bhandara districts.

Notice of Officers.

24. All the Commissioners acknowledge the good work done by their Deputy Commissioners in the year under report. The Commissioner, Jubbulpore, particularly compliments Mr. Nelson, Deputy Commissioner, Mandla, on the careful inspections he carried out. In the district reports the work of many officers is favourably noticed and the following officers may be specially mentioned :—

Assistant Commissioners.

Nagpur Division	Mr. R. A. Wilson. Mr. A. Macleod. Mr. H. G. Gruer.
Nerbudda Division	Mr. A. K. Smith. Mr. A. L. Hoyle.
Chhattisgarh Division	Mr. J. P. Wilson.
Jubbulpore Division	Mr. P. J. H. Stent.

Extra-Assistant Commissioners.

Nagpur Division	Mr. R. S. Thakur. Mr. W. G. Slaney. Rai Bahadur Panda Baijnath.
Nerbudda Division	Mr. L. M. Kiernander. Mr. Mihr Ali. Thakur Umrao Singh. Khan Shaib Wali Muhammad.
Chhattisgarh Division	Khan Bahadur Zakir Ali. Rai Bahadur R. B. Sheorey. Mr. Siraj Ahmed. Mr. Laxman Bapuji. Mr. Durga Prasad Pande.
Jubbulpore Division	Khan Bahadur Elijah Jacob. Mr. J. A. Stephens. Mr. B. R. Bakhle.

Tahsildars.

Nagpur Division	Mr. Nanhuram Singh. Mr. Bajirao Nimbhalkar. Mr. B. N. Dube. Mr. G. R. Deoskar.
Nerbudda Division	Mr. Abdul Hamid. Mr. Gokul Prasad.
Chhattisgarh Division	Mr. Majid Ali. Mr. Abdul Majid Khan. Mr. Abdul Wahid Khan.
Jubbulpore Division	Mr. S. R. Date. Mr. Chunnulal. Mr. G. B. Kathale. Mr. Alay Mustafa.

H. A. CRUMP,
Financial Commissioner,
Central Provinces and Berar.

The 2nd March 1916.

Loans made under the Land Improvement Loans Act and Agriculturists' Loans Act.

I.—Account of Local Government with Government of India for Central Provinces during the Revenue year ending the 30th September 1915.

Amount advanced to Local Government by Government of India.			Interest payable for the year by the Local Government to the Government of India at 3½ per cent on mean outstanding.
Outstanding at the commencement of the year.	Outstanding at the close of the year.	Mean outstanding.	
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
29,72,707	24,80,526	27,26,617	95,431

II.—Account of Local Government with Agriculturist borrowers.

		Land Improvement Loans Act.	Agriculturists' Loans Act.	Total both Acts.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Principal	Outstanding at the commencement of the year	13,40,407	16,29,182	29,69,589
	Advanced during the year	1,06,450	7 54,773	8,61,223
	Total advanced	14,46,857	23,83,955	38,30,812
	Amount due for collection within the year (including arrears)	8,00,359	14,29,204	17,29,563
	Remitted during the year	2,354	480	2,834
	Collected during the year	2,43,591	11,16,159	13,59,750
	Total remitted and collected	2,45,945	11,16,639	13,62,584
	Balance outstanding at the end of the year	12,00,912	12,67,316	24,68,228
	Amount suspended by competent authority	52,959	3,53,234	4,06,193
	Amount overdue	26,794	1 02,115	1,28,909
Interest	Arrears of interest suspended and overdue at the commencement of the year.	12,920	10,300	23,220
	Interest falling due within the year	81,989	99,217	1,81,206
	Total interest for collection within the year	94,909	1,09,517	2,04,426
	Remitted during the year	259	201	460
	Collected during the year	71,416	78,995	1,50,411
	Total remitted and collected	71,675	79,196	1,50,871
	Suspended by competent authority	10,182	21,706	31,888
	Arrears of interest overdue at the end of the year	13,052	8,615	21,667
Total Principal and Interest.	Remitted during the year	2,613	681	3,294
	Collected during the year	3,15,007	11,95,154	15,10,161
	Under suspension at the end of the year	63,144	3,74,940	4,38,081
	Overdue at the end of the year	39,846	1,10,730	1,50,576

III.—Financial results of Loan operations to Local Government for the Revenue year ending the 30th September 1915.

		Land Improvement Loans Act.	Agriculturists' Loans Act.	Total both Acts.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1.	Interest payable for the year by the Local Government to the Government of India	44,480	50,951	95,431
2.	Interest collected during the year	71,296	79,142	1,50,438
3.	Balance of interest accruing to Local Government, *i. e.*, difference between (1) and (2)	26,816	28,191	55,007
4.	Remissions of principal during the year	412	774	1,186
5.	Net result (profit or loss) for the year 1914-15	+ 26,404	+ 27,417	+ 53,821
	1913-14	—7,690	—22,679	—30,369
	1912-13	+ 23,539	+ 4,578	+ 28,117
6.	Net result for previous years 1911-12	+ 14,382	+ 12,404	+ 26,786
	1910-11	+ 51,748	+ 15,153	+ 66,901
	1909-10	+ 66,793	+ 29,248	+ 96,041
7.	Expenditure on free grants-in-aid towards the construction of private protective works or on establishments for well-boring or other outlay incurred from current revenue in connection with takavi transactions.	...	...	...

Note.—The differences between the Comptroller's figures and the departmental figures are due to the fact that the Commissioners' accounts are made up to 30th September and the Comptrollers' accounts to 31st March, the differences being reconciled by the end of financial year.

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STATISTICAL TABLES.

STATEMENT A.—Showing the area held by the several classes of Landlords and Tenants and also the

I.—DETAILS OF

District.	Total area included in holdings.	Land held by Malguzars.			Land held by
		Area held as sir.	Area cultivated other than sir.	Percentage of occupied area held by malguzars.	Number of holdings.
1	2	3	4	5	6
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.		
Saugor	1,210,794	145,837	74,205	18·17	4,049
Damoh	750,878	96,851	41,657	18·45	3,396
Jubbulpore	1,447,362	160,243	84,204	16·89	10,815
Mandla	869,104	38,477	40,454	9·08	310
Seoni	975,310	127,730	97,119	23·05	441
Total Jubbulpore Division ...	5,253,448	569,138	337,639	17·29	19,011
Narsinghpur	(a) 739,793	82,689	50,959	18·06	1,012
Hoshangabad ... Khalsa ...	1,181,261	182,065	73,296	21·62	1,134
Hoshangabad ... Jagir ...	8,763	773	108	10·05	...
Nimar	789,211	59,647	24,959	10·72	14,693
Betul	1,087,618	60,504	53,050	10·44	406
Chhindwara ... Khalsa ...	982,872	132,405	87,830	22·40	438
Chhindwara ... Jagir ...	267,322	13,273	9,239	8·42	...
Total Nerbudda Division ...	5,056,840	531,356	299,441	16·42	17,683
Wardha	1,183,346	157,351	83,226	20·33	4,456
Nagpur	1,625,215	204,006	67,681	16·72	9,724
Chanda ... Khalsa ...	973,274	77,899	38,712	11·97	5,706
Chanda ... Zamindari ...	135,300	8,819	5,442	10·54	74
Bhandara ... Khalsa ...	778,489	115,480	44,013	20·49	5,350
Bhandara ... Zamindari ...	345,025	45,128	17,757	18·23	589
Balaghat ... Khalsa ...	350,889	54,841	18,481	20·89	833
Balaghat ... Zamindari ...	126,185	18,310	4,561	18·12	66
Total Nagpur Division ...	5,517,723	681,834	279,873	17·43	26,798
Raipur ... Khalsa ...	1,597,452	209,353	191,694	25·11	1,854
Raipur ... Zamindari ...	934,458	93,416	59,805	16·40	14
Bilaspur ... Khalsa ...	1,301,469	176,651	123,626	23·07	5,599
Bilaspur ... Zamindari ...	646,574	68,496	29,272	15·12	68
Drug ... Khalsa ...	1,302,445	238,049	147,387	29·59	1,493
Drug ... Zamindari ...	457,483	51,816	29,452	17·76	187
Total Chhattisgarh Division ...	6,239,881	837,781	581,236	22·74	9,215
GRAND TOTAL ...	22,067,892	2,620,109	1,498,189	18·66	72,707
For preceding year ...	21,973,729	2,575,225	1,528,774	18·68	70,090

rental in each District of the Central Provinces during the agricultural year ending the 31st May 1915.

PROPRIETORS.

Malik-makbuzas.		Land held completely or partially revenue free,				Total area held by proprietors, *i. e.*, total of columns 3, 4, 7 and 10.	Remarks.
Area.	Revenue assessed.	Number of holdings.	Area.	Revenue assigned (not for realization).	Revenue demanded (for realization).		
7	8	9	10	11	11 (*a*)	12	13
Acres.	Rs.		Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Acres.	
42,927	39,058	736	8,067	4,672	237	271,036	
30,598	29,231	331	2,438	2,588	...	171,544	
55,788	64,380	647	3,848	7,924	676	304,083	
3,070	1,479	24	38	17	...	82,039	
7,826	4,014	6	64	38	17	232,739	
140,209	1,38,162	1,744	14,455	15,239	930	1,061,441	
16,647	20,199	129	1,939	1,937	611	152,234	NERBUDDA DIVISION.
27,240	21,892	113	1,172	982	6	283,773	(*a*) Excludes 685 acres of Milkiyat Sarkar land.
...	...	...	...	...	...	881	
175,819	2,46,479	1,187	21,621	39,554	1,758	282,046	
6,609	5,515	96	2,751	584	1,110	122,914	
5,337	2,871	207	2,081	685	522	227,653	
...	...	...	...	...	...	22,512	
231,652	2,96,956	1,732	29,564	43,742	4,007	1,092,013	
50,919	76,654	389	5,626	10,569	87	297,122	
107,939	1,71,776	510	8,982	15,605	283	388,608	
74,352	43,256	443	8,254	4,066	1,354	199,217	
2,601	961	...	...	...	...	16,862	
56,763	55,067	43	560	532	76	216,816	
7,910	6,543	...	...	...	...	70,795	
10,688	8,188	...	...	...	...	84,010	
1,402	1,035	...	...	...	...	24,273	
312,574	3,63,480	1,385	23,422	30,772	1,800	1,297,703	
6,002	3,943	22	655	501	...	407,704	
75	...	...	...	...	...	153,296	
28,211	21,406	7	168	...	...	328,656	
838	521	...	...	...	...	98,606	
7,743	5,000	14	124	82	...	393,303	
7,277	1,866	...	...	...	...	88,545	
50,146	32,736	43	947	583	...	1,470,110	
734,581	8,31,334	4,904	68,388	90,336	6,737	4,921,267	
731,115	7,84,655	5,006	68,701	90,868	6,708	4,903,815	

STATEMENT A.—Showing the area held by the several classes of Landlords agricultural year ending

2.—DETAILS

District.	Land held by Absolute-occupancy Tenants.				Land held by Occupancy Tenants.				Land held in Ordinary Tenant Right by Tenants of other Classes.		
	Number of holdings.	Area.	Rent.	Incidence per acre.	Number of holdings.	Area.	Rent.	Incidence per acre.	Area.	Rent.	Incidence per acre.
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Acres.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.		Acres.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.
Saugor	18,848	155,115	1,95,214	1 4 2	31,467	224,823	2,51,119	1 1 10	145,106	1,42,332	0 15 8
Damoh	18,120	113,973	1,44,211	1 4 3	22,066	121,002	1,41,210	1 2 8	87,965	94,274	1 1 2
Jubbulpore	28,053	196,328	3,21,299	1 10 2	46,247	271,388	3,80,589	1 6 5	202,884	1,92,181	0 15 2
Mandla	1,259	11,105	10,384	0 15 0	4,786	63,204	40,611	0 10 3	81,659	29,533	0 5 9
Seoni	2,896	41,461	32,418	0 12 6	13,281	152,595	1,07,212	0 11 3	102,946	54,941	0 8 6
Total Jubbulpore Division ...	69,176	517,982	7,03,526	1 5 9	117,847	833,012	9,20,741	1 1 8	620,560	5,13,261	0 13 2
Narsinghpur	11,949	138,895	2,35,189	1 11 1	22,759	165,617	2,73,982	1 10 6	63,189	1,08,314	1 11 5
Hoshangabad ... Khalsa ...	17,052	275,876	3,55,253	1 4 7	26,692	304,444	3,69,122	1 3 5	82,050	92,423	1 2 0
Hoshangabad ... Jagir ...	...	...	...	...	201	2,397	1,386	0 9 3	442	311	0 11 3
Nimar	476	5,565	5,742	1 0 6	36,369	488,758	3,93,180	0 12 10	...	...	...
Betul	9,739	157,297	1,00,878	0 10 3	24,317	342,363	1,48,672	0 6 11	96,147	32,047	0 5 4
Chhindwara ... Khalsa ...	9,802	101,172	1,04,198	1 0 6	28,702	267,363	1,60,839	0 9 8	128,884	43,536	0 5 5
Chhindwara ... Jagir ...	...	...	...	...	2,503	67,821	16,484	0 3 11	24,332	6,158	0 4 1
Total Nerbudda Division ...	49,018	678,805	8,01,260	1 2 10	141,543	1,638,763	13,63,665	0 13 4	395,044	2,82,789	0 11 5
Wardha	10,549	157,603	2,16,953	1 6 0	26,159	413,736	4,95,124	1 3 1	64,498	65,956	1 0 4
Nagpur	20,045	250,453	3,79,961	1 8 3	38,210	555,242	6,70,948	1 3 4	87,452	85,184	0 15 9
Chanda ... Khalsa ...	9,461	112,872	74,801	0 10 7	64,258	642,212	4,09,476	0 10 2	36	55	1 8 5
Chanda ... Zamindari ...	196	1,989	981	0 7 11	12,366	112,469	35,084	0 5 0	...	...	...
Bhandara ... Khalsa ...	9,497	87,656	93,151	1 1 0	26,601	232,933	2,36,671	1 0 3	57,339	50,715	0 14 2
Bhandara ... Zamindari ...	2,555	24,560	23,788	0 15 6	9,529	82,963	81,082	0 15 8	28,336	23,462	0 13 3
Balaghat ... Khalsa ...	3,468	29,955	32,552	1 1 4	11,163	79,453	83,298	1 0 9	27,827	25,887	0 14 10
Balaghat ... Zamindari ...	750	7,871	7,941	1 0 0	3,812	32,244	37,050	1 2 5	10,251	11,888	1 2 6
Total Nagpur Division ...	56,521	672,959	8,30,128	1 3 9	192,098	2,151,252	20,48,733	0 15 3	275,739	2,64,147	0 15 4
Raipur ... Khalsa ...	17,067	142,331	1,26,167	0 14 2	45,891	373,668	3,25,474	0 14 0	164,811	1,28,967	0 12 6
Raipur ... Zamindari ...	...	...	...	...	17,383	237,731	60,229	0 4 1	24,933	8,000	0 5 1
Bilaspur ... Khalsa ...	18,257	81,972	69,285	0 13 6	69,629	369,564	2,36,420	0 10 3	157,237	1,19,706	0 12 2
Bilaspur ... Zamindari ...	...	...	...	...	10,283	99,135	59,262	0 9 7	48,631	20,229	0 6 8
Drug ... Khalsa ...	15,995	149,028	1,30,698	0 14 0	31,916	318,791	2,79,262	0 14 0	120,983	1,01,500	0 13 5
Drug ... Zamindari ..	89	2,077	735	0 5 8	11,908	188,310	66,420	0 5 8	19,677	12,649	0 10 3
Total Chhattisgarh Division ...	51,408	375,408	3,26,885	0 13 11	187,010	1,587,199	10,27,067	0 10 4	536,272	3,91,051	0 11 8
GRAND TOTAL ...	226,123	2,245,134	26,61,799	1 3 0	638,498	6,210,226	53,60,206	0 13 10	1,827,615	14,51,248	0 12 8
For preceding year ...	221,879	2,252,369	26,32,847	1 2 10	663,723	6,180,658	52,80,624	0 13 8	1,814,271	14,28,890	0 12 7

and Tenants and also the rental in each District of the Central Provinces during the the 31st May 1915.—(Concld.)

OF TENANTS.

Land held by Ordinary Tenants.				Total of tenant area, *i. e.*, total of columns 15, 19, 22 and 26.	Total rental, *i. e.*, columns 16, 20, 23 and 27.	Incidence per acre.	Rents actually collected.		Land held rent-free.		Land held by Sub-tenants of Sir land.		
Number of holdings.	Area.	Rent.	Incidence per acre.				On account of current year.	On account of previous year.	Area held as grant from proprietors.	Area held in lieu of service.	Number.	Area.	Rent demand.
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38
	Acres.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.	Rs.	Rs.	Acres.	Acres.		Acres.	Rs.
56,374	386,630	4,43,623	1 2 4	911,674	10,32,288	1 2 1	7,99,635	1,24,305	18,181	9,903	5,272	25,474	42,881
40,828	243,752	3,04,714	1 4 0	566,692	6,84,409	1 3 4	5,34,554	66,718	8,348	4,294	4,056	20,509	54,513
99,993	462,067	5,21,961	1 2 1	1,132,667	14,16,030	1 4 0	11,04,228	2,65,251	...	10,612	9,370	43,270	2,78,541
49,150	620,075	2,89,123	0 5 11	776,043	3,09,651	0 6 4	2,47,873	49,876	4,618	6,404	2,080	6,378	5,538
46,249	436,566	2,91,988	0 10 8	733,568	4,86,559	0 10 7	Figures not available.		6,186	2,817	6,046	30,231	30,381
2,92,594	2,149,090	17,91,409	0 13 4	4,120,644	39,28,937	0 15 3	26,86,290	5,06,150	37,333	34,030	26,824	125,862	4,11,854
25,525	202,326	3,50,297	1 11 8	570,027	9,67,782	1 11 2	7,07,833	1,78,816	8,396	9,136	3,743	30,799	1,39,186
26,024	225,100	2,49,696	1 1 9	887,470	10,66,494	1 3 3	7,72,979	1,76,168	3,816	6,202	3,777	41,637	1,39,253
911	4,959	3,541	0 11 5	7,798	5,238	0 10 9	...	...	...	84	32	198	95
8	189	760	4 0 4	494,512	3,99,682	0 12 11	3,15,193	55,510	4,221	8,432	1,043	9,947	37,735
33,210	355,635	1,34,583	0 6 1	951,442	4,16,180	0 7 0	3,57,849	33,593	2,889	10,373	1,420	12,761	37,877
38,982	252,166	1,16,261	0 7 5	749,585	4,24,834	0 9 1	Figures not available.		4,692	942	2,353	13,018	19,903
10,699	146,365	48,029	0 5 3	238,518	70,671	0 4 9			5,059	1,233	404	3,533	1,411
1,33,359	1,186,740	9,03,167	0 12 2	3,899,352	33,50,881	0 13 9	21,53,854	4,44,087	29,073	36,402	12,772	111,887	3,75,460
16,889	245,166	2,46,785	1 0 1	881,003	10,24,818	1 2 7	9,11,170	1,02,155	4,259	962	2,588	39,899	2,03,479
24,828	326,544	3,01,033	0 14 9	1,219,691	14,38,126	1 2 10	Figures not available on account of Settlement operations.		...	16,916	2,359	35,827	2,02,743
134	772	799	1 0 6	755,892	4,85,131	0 10 3	4,51,910	24,553	11,533	6,632	3,296	23,366	74,540
...	...	...	...	114,458	36,065	0 5 1	35,458	1,227	1,216	2,764	427	1,955	2,018
26,068	179,651	1,77,142	0 15 9	557,579	5,57,679	1 0 0	5,49,836	41,196	3,075	1,019	2,619	24,236	82,819
17,597	136,101	1,04,318	0 12 3	271,960	2,32,650	0 13 8	1,81,650	29,096	1,613	657	898	11,851	49,122
25,200	128,492	1,23,365	0 15 4	265,727	2,65,102	0 15 11	2,54,101	10,315	863	288	3,284	12,426	27,485
7,734	50,665	50,056	0 15 10	101,031	1,06,935	1 0 11	1,06,030	4,940	831	51	1,429	6,100	30,630
1,18,450	1,067,391	10,03,498	0 15 0	4,167,341	41,46,506	0 15 11	24,90,155	2,13,482	23,390	29,289	16,900	155,660	6,72,036
67,499	481,964	3,99,878	0 13 3	1,167,774	9,80,486	0 13 6	8,90,242	2,64,731	9,257	17,717	14,318	23,362	39,951
39,182	486,801	1,66,656	0 5 6	749,465	2,34,885	0 5 0	2,17,613	7,877	8,116	23,581	8,733	16,248	13,370
87,386	334,072	2,57,771	0 12 4	942,845	6,83,182	0 11 7	6,52,068	2,31,025	16,018	13,950	5,034	26,322	85,955
46,773	385,268	1,70,698	0 7 1	533,034	2,50,189	0 7 6	2,34,693	66,838	4,883	10,051	3,785	18,553	14,664
38,754	302,884	2,71,381	0 14 4	891,686	7,82,841	0 14 1	7,18,576	44,842	10,110	7,346	9,674	33,117	36,008
11,080	152,455	84,369	0 8 10	362,519	7,64,173	0 7 3	1,62,560	5,684	4,949	1,470	3,080	9,294	15,254
2,90,674	2,143,444	13,50,753	0 10 1	4,642,323	30,95,756	0 10 8	28,75,752	6,20,997	53,333	74,115	44,624	126,896	1,45,202
8,37,077	6,546,665	50,48,827	0 12 4	16,829,660	1,45,22,080	0 13 5	1,02,06,051	17,84,716	143,129	173,836	1,01,120	520,305	16,04,552
8,19,792	6,495,712	49,74,467	0 12 3	16,743,010	1,43,16,828	0 13 1	83,83,574	9,04,049	149,384	177,511	99,442	496,959	14,05,893

STATEMENT B-1.—Showing the progress made in the allotment

Division.	District.	Total number of Survey numbers, Area and assessment in ryotwari tract.			Previously allotted from commencement of Settlement to the end of previous year.		
		Number of survey numbers.	Area.	Assessment.	Number of survey numbers.	Area.	Assessment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
JUBBULPORE	Saugor	(*b*) 479	(*b*) 3,083	(*b*) 1,562	(*b*) 386	(*b*) 2,304	(*b*) 1,443
	Damoh	(*c*) 2,178	(*c*) 17,025	(*c*) 9,393	(*c*) 1,713	(*c*) 12,271	(*c*) 7,532
	Jubbulpore	(*d*) 805	(*d*) 2,071	1,015	724	1,914	985
	Mandla	(*e*) 88,289	(*e*) 382,393	(*e*) 123,273	(*e*) 60,132	(*e*) 262,527	(*e*) 95,254
	Seoni	8,790	(*f*) 79,214	24,123	8,564	77,072	23,822
	Total	100,541	483,786	159,366	71,519	356,088	129,036
NERBUDDA	Narsinghpur	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hoshangabad	1,629	23,728	7,202	1,481	20,308	6,634
	Nimar	(*a*) 26,636	(*a*) 388,997	(*a*) 176,574	24,184	355,661	169,352
	Betul	(*b*) 6,136	(*b*) 64,471	(*b*) 9,929	5,607	58,084	9,318
	Chhindwara	2,418	29,093	5,618	2,210	28,259	5,473
	Total	36,819	506,289	199,323	33,482	462,312	190,777
NAGPUR	Wardha	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur	183	2,304	1,621	179	2,235	1,592
	Chanda	15,484	124,858	43,073	11,778	95,600	37,172
	Bhandara	275	2,223	678	191	1,484	512
	Balaghat	12,189	156,224	37,062	7,439	97,541	30,603
	Total	28,131	285,609	82,434	19,587	196,860	69,879
CHHATTISGARH	Raipur	5,685	10,210	4,590	5,612	9,860	4,467
	Bilaspur	753	1,518	825	753	1,518	825
	Drug	20	83	45	20	83	45
	Total	6,458	11,811	5,460	6,385	11,461	5,337
	GRAND TOTAL	171,949	1,287,495	446,583	130,973	1,026,721	395,029

JUBBULPORE

(*a*) Out of these 67 survey numbers containing
(*b*) The change is due
(*c*) The increase is due to the inclusion in the current year's statement of the survey numbers of Abadi Baris on
(*d*) The increase is due to the exchange
(*e*) The difference is due to the creation of new roads through
the assessment according to the Ryotwari system of
(*f*) The decrease is due to the transfer of land to the

NERBUDDA

(*a*) Last year's
(*b*) 10 numbers, area 115 acres and assessment

of waste lands during the year ending the 30th September 1915.

Available for allotment at commencement of year under report.			Allotted during the year under report.			Relinquished during the year under report.			Balance for allotment at the end of year under report.		
Number of survey numbers.	Area.	Assessment.	Number of survey numbers.	Area.	Assessment.	Number of survey numbers.	Area.	Assessment.	Number of survey numbers.	Area.	Assessment.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
93	779	119	...	...	...	...	...	...	(a) 93	779	119
465	4,754	1,861	85	849	390	33	327	166	413	4,232	1,637
81	157	30	39	54	10	...	2	...	42	105	20
(e) 28,157	(e) 119,866	(e) 28,019	6,696	31,008	8,599	4,617	22,464	6,211	26,078	111,322	25,631
226	2,142	301	30	421	93	43	537	105	239	2,258	313
29,022	127,698	30,330	6,850	32,332	9,092	4,693	23,330	6,482	26,865	118,696	27,720
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
148	3,420	568	46	818	139	20	256	53	122	2,858	482
2,452	33,336	7,222	818	12,320	3,995	798	12,152	3,953	2,432	33,168	7,180
529	6,387	611	168	1,577	195	150	1,281	186	511	6,091	602
208	834	145	33	433	56	29	444	67	204	845	156
3,337	43,977	8,546	1,065	15,148	4,385	997	14,133	4,259	3,269	42,962	8,420
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	69	29	3	64	26	...	...	...	1	5	3
3,706	29,258	5,901	356	3,844	1,032	317	2,882	882	3,667	28,296	5,751
84	739	166	34	162	39	3	54	12	53	631	139
4,750	58,683	6,459	825	10,132	2,934	671	8,936	2,460	4,596	57,487	5,985
8,544	88,749	12,555	1,218	14,202	4,031	991	11,872	3,354	8,317	86,419	11,878
73	350	123	9	49	15	7	81	18	71	382	126
...	...	...	10	25	10	13	51	16	3	26	6
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
73	350	123	19	74	25	20	132	34	74	408	132
40,976	260,774	51,554	9,152	61,756	17,533	6,701	49,467	14,129	38,525	248,485	48,150

DIVISION.

an area of 578 are not fit for cultivation.
to the revision of settlement.
which the Revenue was fixed at the last Settlement, but which were not included in the previous year's statement.
between Minhai and occupied area.
the ryotwari villages for which some area has been taken and to
villages which were assessed hitherto at plough rate.
Irrigation Department and to Minhai Abadi.

DIVISION.

figures were wrong.
Rs. 14, were transferred Minhai.

STATEMENT B-II.—Showing the area held by the several

Division.	District.	Total area included in occupied survey numbers.	Held by Patels.			
			Number of holdings.	Area.	Revenue.	Rate per acre.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Acres.		Acres.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor	2,236	7	538	312	0 9 3
	Damoh	12,393	51	1,535	922	0 9 7
	Jubbulpore	2,071	6	110	73	0 10 7
	Mandla	279,139	546	22,465	9,366	0 6 8
	Seoni	76,818	180	9,823	3,558	0 5 9
	Total ...	372,657	790	34,471	14,231	0 6 7
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur	...	...	...	...	...
	Hoshangabad	20,461	32	1,553	591	0 6 1
	Nimar	355,769	310	19,813	10,926	0 8 10
	Betul	59,690	85	4,156	782	0 3 0
	Chhindwara	28,848	73	2,725	617	0 3 7
	Total ...	464,768	500	28,247	12,916	0 7 4
NAGPUR ...	Wardha	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur	2,235	7	401	305	0 12 2
	Chanda	97,032	181	6,667	2,715	0 6 6
	Bhandara	1,543	4	265	144	0 8 8
	Balaghat	96,972	206	11,341	4,807	0 6 9
	Total ...	197,782	398	18,674	7,971	0 6 10
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur	9,876	21	1,018	395	0 6 2
	Bilaspur	1,490	5	153	71	0 7 5
	Drug	7,570	18	938	395	0 6 9
	Total ...	18,936	44	2,109	861	0 6 6
	GRAND TOTAL ...	1,054,143	1,732	83,501	35,979	0 6 11

NERBUDDA
(a) Out of this 59 acres

classes of holders in ryotwari villages and the revenue.

Held by Government Ryots.				Service Grants.			Sub-let by Patels.		Sub-let by Ryots.	
Number of holdings.	Area.	Revenue.	Rate per acre.	Number of holdings.	Area.	Revenue.	Area.	Rent.	Area.	Rent.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
-	Acres.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.		Acres.	Rs.	Acres.	Rs.	Acres.	Rs.
194	1,694	1,129	0 10 8	1	4	3	70	49	656	400
956	10,700	6,447	0 9 8	23	158	96	41	34	890	587
189	1,945	913	0 7 6	2	16	5	31	52	274	484
17,426	250,739	96,384	0 6 2	404	5,935	2,107	225	73	2,147	728
3,488	65,368	20,939	0 5 1	44	627	173	548	97	3,358	1,387
22,253	331,446	1,25,812	0 6 1	474	6,740	2,384	915	305	7,325	3,586
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
816	18,829	6,140	0 5 3	5	79	13	29	12	(a) 599	118
13,914	333,041	1,56,467	0 7 6	166	2,915	1,323	473	771	8,266	8,607
2,528	55,036	8,934	0 2 7	34	498	89	...	...	252	547
1,353	25,953	4,919	0 3 0	7	170	27	51	Batai.	1,411	82, and Batai
18,621	432,859	1,76,460	0 6 6	212	3,662	1,452	553	783 and Batai.	10,528	9,354 & Batai
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
160	1,834	1,287	0 11 3	...	...	...	...	...	145	76
6,399	89,762	34,323	0 6 1	48	603	194	320	187	3,529	5,791
67	1,278	386	0 4 10	...	...	...	...	...	26	11
7,269	84,602	32,748	0 6 2	68	1,029	320	469	521	2,254	1,754
13,895	177,476	68,744	0 6 2	116	1,632	514	789	708	7,950	7,632
745	8,858	4,116	0 7 5	...	...	...	71	53	188	556
143	1,305	753	0 9 3	5	32	11	8	2	67	37
529	6,632	2,819	0 6 10	...	...	...	109	259	469	759
1,417	16,795	7,688	0 7 4	5	32	11	188	312	724	1,352
56,186	958,576	3,78,704	0 6 4	807	12,066	4,361	2,145	2,108	26,527	21,924

(a) DIVISION. are on Batai.

STATEMENT C.—Showing financial results on account of loans under
for the year ending the

I.—LOANS

Division.	District.	State of Loans Accounts (Principal).					Recovery of		
		Total amount of loans outstanding at commencement of the year.	Amount sanctioned for distribution during the year.	Paid out during the year.	Collected or written off during the year (column 11, 12 and 13).	Balance of loans outstanding at close of the year.	Demand falling due for recovery during the year.	Arrear demand of principal.	Total demand on account of principal.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE	Saugor	65,416	22,275	25,507	44,664	(c) 46,259	47,545	...	43,545
	Damoh ..	1,40,230	24,000	1,09,991	1,82,711	(c) 67,510	2,04,457	228	2,04,685
	Jubbulpore ...	2,24,427	34,000	99,302	(b) 1,72,614	(c) 1,51,115	1,94,011	...	1,94,011
	Mandla ...	(a) 1,89,436	14,000	17,591	75,340	(c) 1,31,687	86,894	34	86,928
	Seoni ...	55,750	11,000	30,133	45,336	(c) 40,547	46,078	...	46,078
	Total ...	6,75,259	1,05,275	2,82,524	5,20,665	4,37,118	5,74,985	262	5,75,247
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur ...	48,352	80,983	80,983	6,627	1,22,708	70,408	4,049	74,457
	Hoshangabad ..	42,061	56,065	56,065	787	97,339	32,566	2,506	35,072
	Nimar ...	42,073	45,850	40,700	15,361	67,412	20,877	5,903	26,780
	Betul ...	28,095	12,018	8,202	17,904	18,393	16,579	1,094	17,673
	Chhindwara ..	(a) 67,280	21,755	21,755	57,299	31,736	60,493	2,817	63,310
	Total ..	2,27,861	2,16,671	2,67,705	97,978	3,37,588	2,00,923	16,369	2,17,292
NAGPUR ...	Wardha ...	45,739	35,000	31,270	47,342	29,667	46,325	5	46,330
	Nagpur ...	63,940	13,000	12,939	43,317	33,562	47,417	108	47,525
	Chanda ...	44,576	29,500	30,769	26,894	48,451	25 951	395	26,346
	Bhandara ...	30,417	5,998	5,998	19,140	17,275	16,310	2,830	19,140
	Balaghat ...	22,209	6,000	5,964	19,970	8,203	19,580	359	19,939
	Total ...	2,06,881	89,498	86,940	1,56,663	1,37,158	1,55,583	3,697	1,59,280
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur ...	2,25,433	65,000	80,005	1,97,456	1,07,982	1,99,184	19,429	2,18,613
	Bilaspur ...	2,63,213	28,000	87,321	1,13,884	2,36,650	1,63,650	65,129	2,28,779
	Drug ...	30,496	10,000	10,278	29,981	10,793	29,099	(b) 882	29,981
	Total ...	5,19,142	1,03,000	1,77,604	3,41,321	3,55,425	3,91,933	85,440	4,77,373
	GRAND TOTAL ...	16,29,143	5,14,444	7,54,773	11,16,627	12,67,289	13,23,424	1,05,768	14,29,192

the Agriculturists' Loans Act, XI of 1884, *in the districts of the Central Provinces 30th September* 1915.

WITH INTEREST.

Principal.				Recovery of Interest.			Remarks.
Total collections on account of principal due.	Advance collections on account of principal which has not yet fallen due.	Principal written off as irrecoverable.	Balance of demand on account of principal due for recovery.	Collection on account of interest during the year.	Interest written off as irrecoverable.	Rate of interest recovered on mean of loans outstanding at commencement and close of the year (*i. e.*, ½ column 3 *plus* 7).	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
43,282	1,382	...	263	4,638	173	8·30	JUBBULPORE DIVISION.
1,82,576	135	...	22,109	9,670	...	9·31	(*a*) Rs. 33 under the Agriculturists' Loans Act is transferred to Land Improvement Loans Act. The balance under the Agriculturists' Loans Act includes Rs. 10, The change is due to the necessary adjustments having been effected after the close of the year.
1,67,505	4,809	(*b*) 300	26,506	11,984	10	6·38	(*b*) Includes Rs. 300 remitted out of the demand not yet fallen due.
68,238	7,102	...	18,690	(*d*) 11,265	...	7·02	(*c*) Includes the following amounts which are under suspension :—
44,003	1,333	...	2,075	4·357	...	9·05	Rs. Saugor ... ... 453 Damoh ... ... 34,305 Jubbulpore ... ... 38,639 Mandla ... ... 47,790 Seoni ... ... 2,950 Total ... 1,24,037
5,05,604	14,761	300	69,643	41,915	183	7·54	(*d*) Excludes Rs. 4 refunded during the year.
6,627	...	...	(*b*) 67,830	539	...	0·63	NERBUDDA DIVISION.
785	2	...	(*c*) 34,287	94	...	0·13	(*a*) Re. 1 collected in excess in the preceding year was refunded during the year under report and hence the outstanding balance increased by Re. 1.
14,840	521	...	(*d*) 11,940	1,571	...	2·87	Rs. (*b*) The whole amount of 67,830 is under suspension. (*c*) Do. 34,287 do. (*d*) Includes do. 1,575 which is under suspension. (*e*) Do. 400 do. do.
17,091	813	...	(*e*) 582	1,597	...	6·87	(*f*) The whole amount of 6,031 is under suspension.
57,279	20	...	(*f*) 6,031	4,113	...	8·30	1,10,123 Total suspensions.
96,622	1,356	...	1 20,670	7,914	...	2·79	
46,330	1,012	...	...	2,389	...	6·33	
43,129	188	...	4,396	4,173	...	8·56	
26,317	577	...	29	2,414	...	5·19	
19,140	...	...	...	1,840	...	7·72	
19,759	31	180	..	984	18	6·47	
1,54,675	1,808	180	4,425	11,800	18	6·86	CHHATTISGARH DIVISION.
1,97,114	342	...	(*a*) 21,499	9,266	...	5·55	(*a*) Includes :—
1,13,704	180	...	1,15,075	6,717	...	2·69	Rs. Raipur ... 21,300 } Suspended. Bilaspur ... 97,774 } Total ... 1,19,074
29,981	...	...	...	1,384	...	6·70	
3,40,799	522	...	1,36,574	17,367	...	3·97	(*b*) This amount was mentioned in last year's District Report, but the figure was inadvertently omitted in last year's statement.
10,97,700	18,447	480	3,31,312	78,995	201	5·44	

STATEMENT C.—Showing financial results on account of loans under the year ending the

2.—LOANS WITHOUT

Division.	District.	State of Loans Accounts (Principal).					Recovery of		
		Total amount of loans outstanding at commencement of the year.	Amount sanctioned for distribution during the year	Paid out during the year.	Collected or written off during the year (columns 11, 12, and 13).	Balance of loans outstanding at close of the year.	Demand falling due for recovery during the year.	Arrear demand of principal.	Total demand on account of principal.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Damoh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Jubbulpore ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Mandla ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Seoni ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
	Total ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hoshangabad ...	21	...	...	7	14	7	...	7
	Nimar ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Betul ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhindwara ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	21	...	...	7	14	7	...	7
NAGPUR ...	Wardha ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chanda ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bhandara ...	18	...	...	5	13	5	...	5
	Balaghat ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ..	18	...	...	5	13	5	...	5
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur ...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
	Bilaspur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Drug ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	GRAND TOTAL ..	39	...	...	12	27	12	...	12

Agriculturists' Loans Act, XI of 1884, *in the districts of the Central Provinces for the 30th September* 1915.—(Concld.)

INTEREST.

Principal.				Recovery of Interest.			Remarks.
Total collections on account of principal due.	Advance collections on account of principal which has not yet fallen due.	Principal written off as irrecoverable.	Balance of demand on account of principal due for recovery.	Collection on account of interest during the year.	Interest written-off as irrecoverable.	Rate of interest recovered on mean of loans outstanding at commencement and close of the year (*i. e.*, ½ columns 3 *plus* 7).	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
7	...	...	...	...	...	...	
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7	...	...	...	...	...	...	
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...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
5	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
5	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
12	...	...	...	...	...	...	

STATEMENT 'D.'—Showing financial results on account of loans under the Land Improve
the 30th Sep

I.—LOANS

Division.	District.	State of Loans Accounts (Principal).					Recovery of		
		Total amount of loans outstanding at commencement of the year.	Amount sanctioned for distribution during the year.	Paid out during the year.	Collected or written off during the year (columns 11, 12 and 13).	Balance of loans outstanding at close of the year.	Demand falling due for recovery during the year.	Arrear demand of principal.	Total demand on account of principal.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor ...	80,288	2,225	5,420	16,993	(c) 68,715	15,660	...	15,660
	Damoh ...	1,79,553	...	...	21,415	1,58,138	28,563	447	29,010
	Jubbulpore ...	1,42,195	11,000	13,942	(b) 19,553	(c) 1,36,584	24,419	...	24,419
	Mandla ...	(a) 1,08,088	4,000	2,150	25,533	(c) 84,705	23,336	...	23,336
	Seoni ...	63,428	5,000	...	14,839	(c) 48,589	15,349	...	15,349
	Total ...	5,73,552	22,225	21,512	98,333	4,96,731	1,07,327	447	1,07,774
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur ...	16,627	14,310	14,310	1,485	29,452	6,852	2,379	9,231
	Hoshangabad ...	12,355	1,850	1,850	352	13,853	2,723	514	3,237
	Nimar ...	22,594	5,700	3,100	6,132	19,562	(b) 8,380	1,297	9,677
	Betul ...	15,548	2,100	1,005	4,972	11,581	4,964	...	4,964
	Chhindwara ...	(a) 32,250	4,480	4,480	10,362	26,368	11,064	466	11,530
	Total ...	99,374	28,440	24,745	23,303	1,00,816	33,983	4,656	38,639
NAGPUR ...	Wardha ...	5,202	5,000	200	3,011	2,391	3,111	...	3,111
	Nagpur ...	17,022	9,000	6,250	6,332	16,940	6,300	32	6,332
	Chanda ...	29,258	9,500	6,890	7,444	28,704	7,136	...	7,136
	Bhandara ...	1,15,588	7,092	7,092	19,453	1,03,227	20,781	(b) 424	21,205
	Balaghat ...	(a) 47,183	5,000	4,290	18,422	33,051	13,624	943	14,567
	Total ...	2,14,253	35,592	24,722	54,662	1,84,313	50,952	1,399	52,351
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur ...	1,70,444	3,000	29,557	37,649	1,62,352	36,241	3,132	39,373
	Bilaspur ...	2,23,033	15,000	2,250	16,079	2,09,204	31,159	15,548	46,707
	Drug ...	49,552	1,000	3,664	13,481	39,735	12,419	(a) 658	13,077
	Total ...	4,43,029	19,000	35,471	67,209	4,11,291	79,819	19,338	99,157
	GRAND TOTAL ...	13,30,208	1,05,257	1,06,450	2,43,507	11,93,151	2,72,081	25,840	2,97,921

ment Loans Act, XIX of 1883, *in the districts of the Central Provinces for the year ending tember* 1915.

WITH INTEREST.

Principal.				Recovery of Interest.			Remarks.
Total collections on account of principal due.	Advance collections on account of principal which has not yet fallen due.	Principal written off as irrecoverable.	Balance of demand on account of principal due for recovery.	Collection on account of interest during the year.	Interest written off as irrecoverable.	Rate of interest recovered on mean of loans outstanding at commencement and close of the year (*i. e.*, ½ column 3 *plus* 7).	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
15,572	1,421	...	88	4,089	171	5·49	
21,133	282	...	7,877	11,085	...	6·57	
18,903	399	(*b*) 251	5,516	6,718	15	4·82	
21,607	3,926	...	1,729	8,446	...	8·76	
14,048	791	...	1,301	4,553	...	8·13	
91,263	6,819	251	16,511	34,891	186	6·52	
1,485	...	...	(*d*) 7,746	293	...	1·27	
352	...	...	(*e*) 2,885	71	...	0·54	
(*c*) 5,759	373	...	(*f*) 3,918	985	...	4·67	
4,947	25	...	17	993	...	7·32	
10,241	121	...	(*g*) 1,289	1,925	...	6·56	
22,784	519	...	15,855	4,267	...	4·26	
3,011	...	...	100	227	...	5·95	
6,332	...	...	...	1,095	...	6·45	
6,934	510	...	202	1,910	...	6·59	
19,452	1	...	1,753	6,185	...	5·65	
14,160	2,159	(*c*) 2,103	407	3,142	73	7·84	
49,889	2,670	2,103	2,462	12,559	73	6·30	
37,199	450	...	2,174	11,019	...	6·62	
15,361	718	...	(*b*) 31,346	5,648	...	2·61	
13,077	404	...	...	3,032	...	6·70	
65,637	1,572	...	33,520	19,699	...	4·61	
2,29,573	11,580	2,354	68,348	71,416	259	5·64	

JUBBULPORE DIVISION.

(*a*) Rs. 33 under the Agriculturists' Loans Act is transferred to Land Improvement Loans Act.

(*b*) Includes Rs. 251 remitted out of the demand not yet fallen due.

(*c*) Includes the following amounts which are under suspension :—

	Rs.
Saugor ...	... 65
Jubbulpore ...	... 4,849
Mandla ...	... 5,787
Seoni ...	... 704
Total	... 11,405

NERBUDDA DIVISION.

(*a*) Re. 1 collected in excess in the preceding year was refunded during the year under report and hence the outstanding balance increased by Re. 1.

(*b*) Excludes Rs. 50 on account of arrears of previous year which were by mistake shown by Tahsildar, Burhanpur, as falling due in the Tauzis for the year under report.

(*c*) Excludes Rs. 36 recovered in advance on account of principal not due during the year under report in the Khandwa tahsil. The amount has been included under advance collections in column 12.

	Rs.
(*d*), (*e*) *and* (*g*) The whole amount is under suspension.	7,746
	2,885
	1,889
(*f*) Includes Rs. 1,058 which is under suspension.	1,058
Total suspension....	12,978

NAGPUR DIVISION.

(*a*) The increase of Rs. 104 is due to the amount wrongly recovered and subsequently refunded during the year under report.

(*b*) Excludes Rs. 286 which was wrongly shown as fallen due and excluded in the balance outstanding at the end of the last year.

(*c*) Represents amount remitted out of the demand which has not yet fallen due.

CHHATTISGARH DIVISION.

(*a*) In last year's statement only Rs. 469 was shown in column 12, Rs. 189 on account of suspended loans was not included in last year's figure.

(*b*) Includes Rs. 26,402 suspended.

STATEMENT D.—Showing financial results on account of loans under the Land Improve
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2.—LOANS WITHOUT

Division.	District.	State of Loans Accounts (Principal).					Recovery of		
		Total amount of loans outstanding at commencement of the year.	Amount sanctioned for distribution during the year.	Paid out during the year.	Collected or written off during the year (columns 11, 12 and 13).	Balance of loans outstanding at close of the year.	Demand falling due for recovery during the year.	Arrear demand of principal.	Total demand on account of principal.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Damoh ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Jubbulpore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Mandla ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Seoni ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hoshangabad ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nimar ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Betul ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhindwara ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
NAGPUR ...	Wardha ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chanda ...	8,557	...	...	1,239	7,318	1,239	...	1,239
	Bhandara ...	1,429	...	...	1,057	372	1,057	...	1,057
	Balaghat ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	9,986	...	...	2,296	7,690	2,296	...	2,296
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bilaspur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Drug ...	213	...	...	142	71	142	...	142
	Total ...	213	...	...	142	71	142	...	142
	GRAND TOTAL ...	10,199	...	...	2,438	7,761	2,438	...	2,438

ment Loans Act, XIX of 1883, *in the Districts of the Central Provinces for the year ending tember* 1915.—(Concld.)

INTEREST.

Principal.				Recovery of Interest.			Remarks.
Total collections on account of principal due.	Advance collections on account of principal which has not yet fallen due.	Principle written off as irrecoverable.	Balance of demand on account of principal due for recovery.	Collection on account of interest during the year.	Interest written off as irrecoverable.	Rate of interest recovered on mean of loans outstanding at commencement and close of the year (*i. e.*, ½ column 3 *plus* 7).	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...		
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
1,239	...	...	...	...	...	...	
1,057	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
2,296	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
142	...	...	...	...	...	...	
142	...	...	...	...	...	...	
2,438	...	...	...	...	...	...	

STATEMENT E.—Showing the alterations which have occurred in the demand of Land Revenue on the Roll during the revenue year ending the 30th September 1915.

Division.	District.	Land revenue on roll on 1st October 1914.	Increase during the year.				Decrease during the year.			Net result.		Land revenue on roll on 1st October 1915.
			By revision of assessment.	By progressive assessment.	From any other cause.	Total of columns 4 to 6.	By revision of assessment.	From any other cause.	Total of columns 8 and 9.	Increase (column 7 *minus* column 10).	Decrease (column 10 *minus* column 7).	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE.	Saugor ...	6,26,282	(*a*) 27,419	...	...	27,419	24	91	115	27,304	...	6,53,586
	Damoh ...	4,59,980	...	1,370	...	1,370	...	156	156	1,214	...	4,61,194
	Jubbulpore ...	10,41,179	(*b*) 451	...	...	451	14	451	465	...	14	10,41,165
	Mandla ...	1,69,164	(*b*) 2	...	...	2	...	50	50	...	48	1,69,116
	Seoni ...	2,68,611	...	...	(*c*) 9,725	9,725	...	(*c*) 9,731	9,731	...	6	2,68,605
	Total ...	25,65,216	27,872	1,370	9,725	38,967	38	10,479	10,517	28,450	...	25,93,666
NERBUDDA.	Narsinghpur ...	(*a*) 6,36,701	...	...	...	...	...	21	21	...	21	6,36,680
	Hoshangabad	(*a*) 6,76,737	...	...	1	1	...	9	9	...	8	6,76,729
	Nimar	(*b*) 4,28,967	40	...	41	81	20	132	152	...	71	4,28,896
	Betul ...	(*c*) 2,76,622	...	...	5	5	...	198	198	...	193	2,76,429
	Chhindwara ...	2,94,321	...	...	16	16	...	39	39	...	23	2,94,2981
	Total ...	23,13,348	40	...	63	103	20	399	419	...	316	23,13,032
NAGPUR.	Wardha ...	8,13,274	164	280	...	444	...	176	176	268	...	8,13,542
	Nagpur ...	(*a*)11,45,263	71,780	...	14	71,794	...	169	169	71,625	...	12,16,888
	Chanda ...	(*b*)3,28,851	...	...	385	385	...	50	50	335	...	3,29,186
	Bhandara ...	5,85,990	...	...	22	22	...	106	106	...	84	5,85,906
	Balaghat ...	2,38,879	...	...	...	...	...	236	236	...	236	2,38,643
	Total ...	31,12,257	71,944	280	421	72,645	...	737	737	71,908	...	31,84,165
CHHATTISGARH.	Raipur ...	7,68,003	...	385	90	475	...	535	535	...	60	7,67,943
	Bilaspur ...	6,04,462	680	6,900	...	7,580	...	9	9	7,571	...	6,12,033
	Drug ...	6,46,615	...	...	...	...	...	67	67	...	67	6,46,548
	Total ...	20,19,080	680	7,285	90	8,055	...	611	611	7,444	...	20,26,524
	GRAND TOTAL ...	1,00,09,901	1,00,536	8,935	10,299	1,19,770	58	12,226	12,284	1,07,486	...	1,01,17,387

JUBBULPORE DIVISION.

(*a*) Rs. 27,382 owing to the revision of Settlement and Rs. 37 owing to muafi resumptions.

(*b*) Muafi resumption.

(*c*) The increase and decrease of Rs. 9,725 is due to the transfer of 53 villages from the Lakhnadon to the Seoni Tahsil,

NERBUDDA DIVISION.

(*a*) Last year's figures were wrong.

(*b*) Last year Rs. 4,28,968 was wrongly shown for Rs. 4,28,967.

(*c*) Last year Rs. 2,76,621 was wrongly shown for Rs. 2,76,622.

NAGPUR DIVISION,

(*a*) The increase of Rs. 65,099 is due to revision of Settlement.

(*b*) The increase of Rs. 5 represents revenue wrongly remitted but subsequently brought on the kistbandi.

STATEMENT F.—Showing demand and collections during the revenue year ending the 30th September 1915.

PART I (*a*).—LAND REVENUE ON THE ROLL—ARREARS.

Division.	District.	Demand.					Collections.	Balance.			Explanation.
		Balance from previous year.	Remission during year.	Balance for Collection.							
				Suspended.	Unsuspended.	Total.		Suspended.	Unsuspended.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
JUBBULPORE.	Saugor	31,954	9,028	8,474	14,452	22,926	14,452	8,474	...	8,474	
	Damoh ...	1,34,408	2,135	1,32,273	...	1,32,273	...	1,32,273	...	1,32,273	
	Jubbulpore ...	4,85,544	2,75,041	...	2,10,503	2,10,503	2,02,436	...	8,067	8,067	
	Mandla ...	41,543	...	21,421	20,122	41,543	20,122	21,421	...	21,421	
	Seoni ...	27,372	...	6,670	20.702	27,372	20,702	6,670	...	6,670	
	Total ...	7,20,821	2,86,204	1,68,838	2,65,779	4,34,617	2,57,712	1,68,838	8,067	1,76,905	
NERBUDDA.	Narsinghpur ...	11,715	...	11,715	...	11,715	...	11,715	...	11,715	
	Hoshangabad ..	22,515	...	22,515	...	22,515	29	22,486	...	22,486	
	Nimar ...	14,506	420	14,026	60	14,086	8,232	5,854	...	5,854	
	Betul ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Chhindwara ..	16,345	210	16,135	...	16,135	16,135	...	...	...	
	Total ...	65,081	630	64,391	60	64,451	24,396	40,055	...	40,055	
NAGPUR.	Wardha ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Nagpur ...	4,243	...	4,243	...	4,243	3,790	453	...	453	
	Chanda ..	121	...	121	...	121	121	...	...	...	
	Bhandara ...	6,648	...	6,648	...	6,648	6,648	...	...	...	
	Balaghat ..	304	...	304	...	304	304	...	...	...	
	Total ...	11,316	...	11,316	...	11,316	10,863	453	...	453	
CHHATTISGARH.	Raipur ...	1,73,751	679	1,73,072	...	1,73,072	1,73,072	...	...	...	CHHATTISGARH DIVISION.
	Bilaspur ...	(*a*) 2,73,790	...	2,73,682	108	2,73,790	2,73,790	...	...	...	(*a*) Increase of Re. 1 is due to fractions of a rupee being taken as one.
	Drug ...	13,897	...	13,897	...	13,897	13,897	...	...	...	
	Total ...	4,61,438	679	4,60,651	108	4,60,759	4,60,759	...	...	...	
	GRAND TOTAL ...	12,58,656	2,87,513	7,05,196	2,65,947	9,71,143	7,53,730	2,09,346	8,067	2,17,413	

STATEMENT F.—Showing demand and collections during the revenue year ending the 30th September 1915.—(Contd.)

PART I (*b*).—LAND REVENUE ON THE ROLL—CURRENT.

Division.	District.	Demand.						Collection.	Balance.			Collections in advance remaining to be adjusted at the close of the year.	Collected in advance on account of the following year.	Total collections in advance remaining to be adjusted.
		Demand according to kistbandi.	Abatement or remission granted during the year.	Suspension granted during the year.	Collected in advance during previous years and adjusted during the year.	Total deductions to be made (total of columns 4, 5, and 6).	Net demand for collection.		Suspended.	Unsuspended.	Total.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE.	Saugor	(a) 6,53,640	3,123	...	1,678	4,801	6,48,839	6,48,839	...	...	...	5	298	303
	Damoh	4,59,980	1,075	...	(b) 30	1,105	4,58,875	4,58,109	...	766	766	...	15	15
	Jubbulpore	10,41,179	42,926	..	(b) 2,737	45,663	9,95,516	9,51,513	...	44,003	44,003	...	706	706
	Mandla	1,69,164	208	...	209	417	1,68,747	1,68,235	...	512	512	...	213	213
	Seoni	2,68,611	564	...	1,195	1,759	2,66,852	2,66,852	...	...	...	24	948	972
	Total	(a)25,92,574	(b) 47,896	...	5,849	53,745	25,38,829	24,93,548	...	45,281	45,281	29	2,180	2,209
NERBUDDA.	Narsinghpur	6,36,701	735	...	16	751	6,35,950	6,35,950	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hoshangabad	6,76,737	1,485	...	121	1,606	6,75,131	6,74,976	...	155	155	...	30	
	Nimar	(a) 4,29,007	398	...	(b) 47	445	4,28,562	4,28,002	...	560	560	...	82	82
	Betul	2,76,622	127	...	41	168	2,76,454	2,76,454	...	...	...	...	28	28
	Chhindwara	2,94,321	2,292	...	(c) 555	2,847	2,91,474	2,91,474	...	...	...	...	342	342
	Total	23,13,388	5,037	...	780	5,817	23,07,571	23,06,856	...	715	715	...	482	482
NAGPUR.	Wardha	8,13,101	...	...	(a) 49	49	8,13,054	8,13,054	...	...	...	...	66	66
	Nagpur	11,45,263	...	...	2	2	11,45,261	11,45,261	...	...	...	...	42	42
	Chanda	3,28,851	...	...	(b) 80	80	3,28,771	3,28,771	...	...	...	...	64	64
	Bhandara	5,85,990	...	...	17	17	5,85,973	5,85,973	...	...	...	1	36	37
	Balaghat	2,38,879	...	...	21	21	2,38,858	2,38,858	...	...	...	...	108	108
	Total	31,12,086	...	...	169	169	31,11,917	31,11,917	...	...	...	1	316	317
CHHATTISGARH.	Raipur	(a) 7,68,478	2,071	...	(c) 408	2,479	7,65,999	7,65,938	...	61	61	874	386	1,260
	Bilaspur	(b) 6,05,142	3,560	...	544	4,104	6,01,038	6,00,969	...	69	69	...	277	277
	Drug	6,46,615	2,966	...	(d) 1,005	3,971	6,42,644	6,42,626	..	18	18	...	362	362
	Total	20,20,235	8,597	...	1,957	10,554	20,09,681	20,09,533	...	148	148	874	1,025	1,899
	GRAND TOTAL	1,00,38,283	61,530	...	8,755	70,285	99,67,998	99,21,854	...	46,144	46,144	904	4,003	4,907

JUBBULPORE DIVISION.

(*a*) Includes Rs. 27,358 owing to the revision of settlement.
(*b*) Excludes the following amounts refunded in cash out of advance collections :—

Damoh	...	802
Jubbulpore	...	576
Total	...	1,378

NERBUDDA DIVISION.

(*a*) Demand increased by Rs. 40.
(*b*) Out of Rs. 107 collected in advance in the previous year Rs. 60 was refunded in cash during the year.
(*c*) Difference of Re. 1 as compared with the last year's figure is due to the rounding of figures.

NAGPUR DIVISION.

(*a*) Excludes Rs. 25 refunded.
(*b*) Do. Rs. 65 do.

CHHATTISGARH DIVISION.

(*a*) Includes Rs. 475 due to increase in revenue as shown in State ment E.
(*b*) Do. Rs. 680 on account of land revenue of a muafi village resumed during the year.
(*c*) Excludes Rs. 170 refunded during the year.
(*d*) Do. Rs. 202 do. do.

STATEMENT F.—Showing demand and collections during the revenue year ending the 30th September 1915.—(Contd.)

PART II.—LAND REVENUE NOT ON THE ROLL.

Division.	Districts.	Demand.		Collected in advance during previous year.	Net demand (total of columns 3 and 4 *minus* column 5).	Collections.		Balance.		Collected in advance on account of the year following.
		Balance from previous year.	For year under report.			On account of previous year.	On account of year under report.	On account of previous year (column 3 *minus* column 7.)	On account of year under report (column 4 *minus* total of columns 5 and 8.)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor ...	(*a*) 338	1,894	7	2,225	95	1,670	(*d*) 243	217	7
	Damoh ...	(*a*) 4,782	8,182	(*b*) 1	12,963	...	8,176	(*d*) 4,782	5	4
	Jubbulpore ...	(*a*) 99	2,437	...	2,536	99	2,437	...	...	...
	Mandla ...	(*a*) 32,798	1,04,154	466	1,36,486	16,863	99,673	(*d*) 15,935	(*e*) 4,015	145
	Seoni ...	7,938	24,876	(*c*) 95	32,719	3,982	24,750	(*d*) 3,956	31	(*c*) 223
	Total ...	45,955	1,41,543	569	1,86,929	21,039	1,36,706	24,916	4,268	379
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur ...	...	500	...	500	...	500	...	...	...
	Hoshangabad ...	709	6,947	...	7,656	...	6,895	709	52	...
	Nimar ...	(*a*) 25,244	1,64,734	...	1,89,978	11,566	1,57,302	13,678	7,432	...
	Betul ...	...	9,787	...	9,787	...	9,773	...	14	1
	Chhindwara ...	(*b*) 1,820	5,536	1	7,355	1,820	5,535	...	...	9
	Total ...	27,773	1,87,504	1	2,15,276	13,386	1,80,005	14,387	7,498	10
NAGPUR ...	Wardha ...	...	454	...	454	...	454	...	...	24
	Nagpur ...	18	45,423	...	45,441	15	45,423	3	...	...
	Chanda ...	(*a*) 456	44,758	(*c*) 23	45,191	380	44,664	76	71	27
	Bhandara ...	57	624	...	681	57	(*d*) 614	...	27	...
	Balaghat ...	(*b*) 514	37,952	5	38,461	410	37,706	104	241	...
	Total ...	1,045	1,29,211	28	1,30,228	862	1,28,861	183	339	51
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur ...	1,102	4,970	2	6,070	1,096	4,964	6	4	...
	Bilaspur ...	336	1,242	...	1,578	336	1,242	...	...	1
	Drug ...	...	3,243	...	3,243	...	3,243	...	...	4
	Total ...	1,438	9,455	2	10,891	1,432	9,449	6	4	5
	GRAND TOTAL ...	76,211	4,67,713	600	5,43,324	36,719	4,55,021	39,492	12,109	445

JUBBULPORE DIVISION.

(*a*) Saugor. Arrears demand increased by Rs. 338 under instructions received from the Settlement Officer and on account of Chak Saraiban. It also excludes Rs. 17 remitted.

Damoh.—Excludes ... Rs. 320 remitted.
Jubbulpore.— Do. ... Rs. 346 remitted and Rs. 43 on account of milkiyat sarkar land transferred to the District Council and treated as nazul.

Mandla.— Do. ... Rs. 29 remitted.

Total ... 764

(*b*) Excludes the following amounts refunded in cash out of advance collections :—

Damoh.—Rs. 15 on account of advance collections for the previous year which could not be adjusted during the year under report and hence included in column 11.

(*c*) Seoni.— Rs. 16

Total ... 31

(*d*) The following amounts are under suspension :—

		Rs.
Saugor	...	243
Damoh	...	4,782
Mandla	...	15,935
Seoni	...	3,956
Total	...	24,916

(*e*) Out of the above amounts the following have since the close of the year been remitted :—

		Arrears.	Current.
Saugor	...	243	...
Mandla	...	160	139
		403	139

NERBUDDA DIVISION.

(*a*) Excludes Rs. 1,325 remitted.
(*b*) Do. Rs. 23 do.

NAGPUR DIVISION.

(*a*) The increase of Rs. 14 is on account of arrears of water rate detected and collected during the year.
(*b*) The increase of Rs. 3 is due to Re. 1 on account of rounding and Rs. 2 wrongly recovered and subsequently refunded.
(*c*) Excludes Rs. 14 refunded during the year.
(*d*) Includes Rs. 17 on account of surface rent recovered in lump sum.

STATEMENT F.—Showing demand and collections during the revenue year ending the 30th September 1915.—(Contd.)

PART III.—CESSES ASSESSED ON THE LAND REVENUE.

Division.	District.	Demand.		Collected in advance during previous year.	Net demand.	Collections.		Balance.		Collected in advance on account of the year following.
		Balance from previous year.	For year under report.			On account of previous year.	On account of year under report.	On account of previous year.	On account of year under report.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE	Saugor	(a)1,445	37,755	(b)78	39,122	1,445	37,677	...	...	53
	Damoh	6,118	27,247	(b)...	33,365	135	27,205	(e)5,983	42	1
	Jubbulpore	2,434	61,597	(b)169	63,862	2,434	58,091	...	(c)3,337	210
	Mandla	1,757	15,664	41	17,380	1,726	15,587	(e)31	(d)36	36
	Seoni	500	16,845	31	17,314	500	16,814	...	...	28
	Total	12,254	1,59,108	319	1,71,043	6,240	1,55,374	6,014	3,415	328
NERBUDDA	Narsinghpur	...	35,775	6	35,769	...	35,769	...	...	8
	Hoshangabad	62	39,847	5	39,904	...	39,839	62	3	13
	Nimar	(a)8	40,187	(b)3	40,192	8	39,711	...	473	5
	Betul	...	15,876	22	15,854	...	15,854	...	...	34
	Chhindwara	...	17,808	5	17,803	...	17,803	..	...	12
	Total	70	1,49,493	41	1,49,522	8	1,48,976	62	476	72
NAGPUR	Wardha	...	47,619	(a)	47,619	...	47,619	...	...	1
	Nagpur	...	69,589	8	69,581	...	69,581	...	..	17
	Chanda	1	23,420	...	23,421	1	23,420	...	...	1
	Bhandara	..	33,107	17	33,090	...	33,090	...	...	17
	Balaghat	(b)31	16,456	1	16,486	25	16,439	6	16	9
	Total	32	1,90,191	26	1,90,197	26	1,90,149	6	16	45
CHHATTISGARH	Raipur	(a)1,912	49,073	271	50,714	1,912	48,799	..	3	179
	Bilaspur	(c)11,919	41,313	17	53,215	11,919	41,294	...	2	16
	Drug	...	40,142	(b)111	40,131	...	40,119	...	12	59
	Total	13,831	1,30,528	299	1,44,060	13,831	1,30,212	...	17	254
	GRAND TOTAL	26,187	6,29,320	685	6,54,822	20,105	6,24,711	6,082	3,924	699

JUBBULPORE DIVISION.

(a) Includes Rs. 5 on account of Chak Saraiban.
(b) Excludes the following amounts refunded in cash out of advance collections or transferred to the Head "XXV Miscellaneous" on account of untraceable amount of surplus collections:—

	Rs.	
Saugor	... 32	refunded in cash.
Damoh	... 1	"
Jubbulpore	... 22	transferred to the Head "XXV Miscellaneous."
Total	... 55	

(c) Includes Rs. 818 suspended.
(d) Rs. 5 has been recommended for remission and has since been sanctioned.
(e) Includes amounts under suspension—

	Rs.
Damoh	5,983
Mandla	31
Total ...	6,014

NERBUDDA DIVISION.

(a) Excludes Rs. 6 remitted.
(b) Rs. 4 out of Rs. 7 collected in advance was subsequently refunded, hence omitted from this column.

NAGPUR DIVISION.

(a) Refunded during the year.
(b) The increase of Re. 1 is due to the amount wrongly recovered and subsequently refunded.

CHHATTISGARH DIVISION.

(a) Excludes Rs. 38 remitted.
(b) Do. Rs. 6 refunded.
(c) Includes Rs. 17 on account of cesses due from Ryotwari villages.

STATEMENT F.—Showing demand and collections during the revenue year ending the 30th September 1915.—(Concld.)

PART IV.—MISCELLANEOUS LAND REVENUE.

Division.	Districts.	Demand.		Collected in advance during previous year.	Net demand (total of columns 3 and 4 *minus* column 5).	Collections.		Balance.		Collected in advance on account of the year following.
		Balance from previous year.	For year under report.			On account of previous year.	On account of year under report.	On account of previous year (column 3 *minus* column 7).	On account of year under report (column 4 *minus* total of columns 5 and 8).	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor ...	...	5,660	...	5,660	...	5,580	...	80	...
	Damoh ...	...	737	...	737	...	737	...	...	...
	Jubbulpore ...	...	14,260	...	14,260	...	14,260	...	...	...
	Mandla ...	354	4,458	99	4,713	312	4,338	42	21	9
	Seoni ...	...	1,592	...	1,592	...	1,592	...	...	...
	Total ...	354	26,707	99	26,962	312	26,507	42	101	9
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur ...	(*c*)1,11,382	14,557	...	2,25,939	1,11,382	7,257	..	7,300	...
	Hoshangabad ...	(*b*) ...	1,984	(*a*) 156	1,828	...	1,828	...	...	502
	Nimar ...	...	3,645	...	3,645	...	3,645	...	...	...
	Betul ...	...	1,374	...	1,374	...	1,374	...	...	...
	Chhindwara ...	...	16,992	...	16,992	...	16,992	...	...	...
	Total ...	1,11,382	38,552	156	1,49,778	1,11,382	31,096	...	7,300	502
NAGPUR ...	Wardha ...	...	6,884	...	6,884	...	6,579	...	305	...
	Nagpur ...	277	15,126	...	15,403	277	15,089	...	37	...
	Chanda ...	36	15,177	...	15,213	36	15,176	...	1	...
	Bhandara ...	2,619	16,065	...	18,684	2,619	12,257	...	3,808	...
	Balaghat ...	...	32,388	...	32,388	...	32,388	...	...	...
	Total ...	2,932	85,640	...	88,572	2,932	81,489	...	4,151	...
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur ...	13	3,222	67	3,168	13	3,127	...	28	67
	Bilaspur ...	...	4,391	...	4,391	...	4,354	...	37	...
	Drug ...	55	1,292	...	1,347	55	1,237	...	55	33
	Total ...	68	8,905	67	8,906	68	8,718	...	120	100
	GRAND TOTAL ...	1,14,736	1,59,804	322	2,74,218	1,14,694	1,47,810	42	11,672	611

NERBUDDA DIVISION.

(*a*) Rs. 99 was not shown last year in column 11 of this statement along with Rs. 57, hence the difference between these two figures in columns 5 and 11.

(*b*) Rs. 118 shown as balance in last year's statement has been omitted from this column as the amount is not to be recovered.

(*c*) The correct amount due from the Mohpani Colliery was Rs. 1,11,382 and not Rs. 79,678 as shown last year.

STATEMENT G.—Showing coercive processes used in collection of Land Revenue under ending the 30th

Division.	District.	Notice of demand under Section 93.			Arrest under Section 94 (*a*).		
		Total number of mahals in district.	Number of notices of demand issued.	Amount of revenue involved.	Number of defaulters brought to district or tahsil head-quarters under a warrant of arrest.	Number of defaulters imprisoned in civil jail.	Amount of revenue involved.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
				Rs.			Rs.
Jubbulpore	Saugor	2,074	328	57,179	5	...	26,569
	Damoh	1,460	51	23,619	7	...	2,374
	Jubbulpore	2,570	100	35,549	52	...	21,210
	Mandla	2,018	69	5,762	...	...	...
	Seoni	1,732	138	17,008	...	...	...
	Total	9,854	686	1,39,117	64	...	50,153
Nerbudda	Narsinghpur	1,309	24	8,897	4	...	817
	Hoshangabad	1,456	37	19,682	8	1	3,266
	Nimar	(*a*) 811	18	3,038	1	...	401
	Betul	1,223	34	3,913	2	...	125
	Chhindwara	1,431	150	16,528	3	...	201
	Total	6,230	263	52,058	18	1	4,810
Nagpur	Wardha	1,903	21	7,609	27	...	24,491
	Nagpur	2,762	36	8,122	47	...	13,106
	Chanda	1,705	62	6,121	4	...	3,473
	Bhandara	1,600	81	53,342	4	...	1,878
	Balaghat	1,442	8	1,410	... (*a*)	...	3,206
	Total	9,412	208	76,604	82	...	46,154
Chhattisgarh	Raipur	2,158	62	14,771	1	...	374
	Bilaspur	2,016	28	7,070	18	...	2,938
	Drug	1,720	24	4,173	22	...	4,239
	Total	5,894	108	26,014	41	...	7,551
	Grand Total	31,390	1,265	2,93,793	205	1	1,08,668

Sections 93 and 94 of the Central Provinces Land-revenue Act during the revenue year September 1915

Attachment and sales of property under Section 94 (*b*).				Attachment, transfer, or sale of estate in respect of which arrear accrued, or of other immoveable property belonging to defaulter, Section 94 (*c*), (*d*), (*e*), (*f*) and (*g*).					Remarks.
Number of attachments ordered.	Number of attachments effected.	Number of sales carried out.	Amount of revenue involved.	Number of estates attached and held under management. [Clause (*c*)].	Number of estates transferred [Clause (*d*)].	Number of estates the settlement of which was annulled [Clause (*e*)].	Number of estates or properties sold [Clauses (*f*) and (*g*)].	Amount of revenue involved.	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			Rs.					Rs.	
367	57	...	70,219	...	...	...	...	...	
252	77	6	64,203	...	...	...	...	...	
376	207	9	1,38,351	4	...	...	..	8,665	
254	13	2	24,747	...	...	...	...	...	
429	28	4	30,977	...	...	...	...	..	
1,688	382	21	3,28,499	4	...	...	...	8,665	
102	47	1	42,522	...	...	...	...	...	
151	52	1	37,125	1	...	...	...	152	NERBUDDA DIVISION.
88	31	5	8,111	...	...	...	...	...	(*a*) Last year's figure was wrong.
74	6	...	9,823	...	...	...	...	...	
339	28	1	34,426	...	...	...	...	...	
754	164	8	1,32,007	1	...	...	...	152	
211	26	...	62,037	...	...	...	...	...	NAGPUR DIVISION.
214	45	1	51,860	...	...	...	..	...	(*a*) 31 Warrants of arrest were issued but no defaulter was brought to tahsil head-quarters as the arrears were paid before arrest.
127	13	...	1,6678	...	...	...	...	...	
252	41	...	59,591	...	...	...	...	...	
99	21	4	6,363	...	...	...	...	...	
903	146	5	1,96,529	...	...	...	...	...	
282	27	1	65,437	...	...	...	...	...	
293	183	...	87,424	...	...	...	...	...	
221	30	...	35,636	...	...	...	...	...	
796	240	1	1,88,497	...	...	...	...	...	
4,141	932	35	8,45,532	5	...	...	...	8,817	

STATEMENT H.—Showing the extent and amount of Land Revenue

Division.	District.	For maintenance of public servants.			
		Number.	Area.	Revenue.	
				Assessable.	Realizable.
1	2	3	4	5	6
			Acres.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE	Saugor	15	80	31	4
	Damoh	28	158	96	...
	Jubbulpore	3	22	29	...
	Mandla	404	(*b*) 5,935	(*b*) 2,107	...
	Seoni	44	627	173	...
	Total	494	6,822	2,436	4
NERBUDDA	Narsinghpur	...	...	...	...
	Hoshangabad	4	70	13	...
	Nimar	161	2,856	1,293	...
	Betul	...	...	...	...
	Chhindwara	...	...	...	...
	Total	165	2,926	1,306	...
NAGPUR	Wardha	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur	...	...	...	...
	Chanda	...	...	...	...
	Bhandara	...	...	...	...
	Balaghat	...	...	...	...
	Total	...	...	...	...
CHHATTISGARH	Raipur	...	...	...	...
	Bilaspur	...	...	...	...
	Drug	...	...	...	...
	Total	...	...	...	...
	GRAND TOTAL	659	9,748	3,742	4

assignments existing at the end of revenue year ending the 30th September **1915.**

	On other grounds.					Remarks.
	Number.	Area.	Revenue.			
Assigned.			Assessable.	Realizable.	Assigned.	
7	8	9	10	11	32	13
Rs.		Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
27	545	70,561	32,761	1,272	31,489	JUBBULPORE DIVISION.
96	89	(a) 107,628	(a) 30,139	(a)8,581	21,558	(a) The increase of 24 acres in column 9 and of Rs. 15 in each of the columns 10 and 11 is due to corrections in the printed muafi register.
29	3,113	270,735	71,782	20,854	50,928	
2,107	40	19,023	5,668	2,194	3,474	(b) The decrease of 12 acres in column 4 and of Rs. 2 in column 5 is due to the acquisition of land for the construction of new roads in the district.
173	110	149,406	28,654	5,498	23,156	
2,432	3,897	617,353	1,69,004	38,399	1,30,605	
...	151	31,649	13,375	4,139	9,236	
13	122	66,196	36,563	3,188	33,375	
1,293	1,264	202,827	73,618	9,060	64,558	
...	80	20,343	3,715	1,957	1,758	
...	253	91,670	25,865	17,903	7,962	
1,306	1,870	412,685	1,53,136	36,247	1,16,889	
...	275	77,935	59,439	21,229	38,210	
...	709	224,731	1,24,606	47,738	76,868	
...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	101	51,460	18,029	8,152	9,877	
...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	1,085	354,126	2,02,074	77,119	1,24,955	
...	41	(a) 50,165	14,061	...	14,061	CHHATTISGARH DIVISION.
...	36	(b) 29,630	(b) 12,377	(c) 2,025	10,352	(a) Excludes 1·07 acres in village Bassen resumed.
...	19	13,337	5,057	208	4,849	(b) Excludes 25·70 acres and Rs. 680 on account of area and jama of mauza Lamer resumed.
...	96	93,132	31,495	2,233	29,262	(c) In last year's statement Rs. 574 was erroneously omitted.
3,738	6,945	1,477,296	5,55,709	1,53,998	4,01,711	

STATEMENT J.—Showing mutations in possession of proprietary rights due to sale or mortgage or revenue year ending

Division.	District	Private sales.			
		Number of Mahals or shares in mahals.	Area.	Land revenue assessed or assessable.	Consideration money.
1	2	3	4	5	6
			Acres.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor ...	101	17,104	5,275	1,19,034
	Damoh ...	69	9,355	3,080	70,509
	Jubbulpore ...	211	33,602	22,409	3,52,408
	Mandla ...	30	19,479	2,179	87,612
	Seoni ...	78	23,663	4,700	1,99,991
	Total ...	489	103,203	37,643	8,29,554
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur ...	33	8,658	5,147	1,33,604
	Hoshangabad ...	38	29,478	16,665	4,29,731
	Nimar ...	64	13,252	5,866	86,855
	Betul ...	43	9,770	1,543	67,750
	Chhindwara ...	118	15,622	1,960	2,10,527
	Total ...	206	76,780	31,181	9,28,467
NAGPUR ...	Wardha ...	111	7,602	6,561	1,34,702
	Nagpur ...	76	11,652	5,720	1,57,320
	Chanda ...	61	8,214	1,441	40,712
	Bhandara ...	94	26,220	4,760	1,04,123
	Balaghat ...	30	8,237	2,979	56,350
	Total ...	372.	61,925	21,461	4,93,208
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur ...	87	31,280	9,306	4,12,028
	Bilaspur ...	100	14,180	3,720	1,50,469
	Drug ...	83	19,613	6,635	2,41,269
	Total ...	270	65,073	19,661	8,03,766
	GRAND TOTAL ...	1,427	306,681	1,09,946	30,54,995

STATEMENT K.—Showing progress made in disposal of partition cases

Division.	District.	Number pending at beginning of year.	Number instituted during year.	Total.	Number adjusted withdrawn, or struck off in default, &c.	Number disposed of by actual partition.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor ...	1	1	2	2	...
	Damoh ...	17	9	26	8	16
	Jubbulpore ...	8	13	21	9	6
	Mandla ...	3	3	6	3	...
	Seoni ...	19	15	34	12	15
	Total ...	48	41	89	29	37
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur ...	1	7	8	2	2
	Hoshangabad ...	9	3	12	4	...
	Nimar ...	8	19	27	4	8
	Betul ...	3	15	18	3	9
	Chhindwara ...	1	...	1	...	1
	Total ...	22	44	66	13	20
NAGPUR ...	Wardha ...	47	12	59	15	8
	Nagpur ...	...	11	11	...	...
	Chanda ...	3	13	16	2	2
	Bhandara ...	50	55	105	17	7
	Balaghat ...	12	...	12	...	...
	Total ...	112	91	203	34	80
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur ...	13	43	56	19	24
	Bilaspur ...	41	37	78	39	30
	Drug ...	9	28	37	11	3
	Total ...	63	108	171	69	57
	GRAND TOTAL ...	245	284	529	145	194

lease, as registered under Section 125 *of the Central Provinces Land-revenue Act, during the the* 30*th September* 1915.

Sales by order of Courts in foreclosure or in execution of decrees.				Mortgages with possession and transfers by virtue of leases.			
Number of Mahals or shares in mahals.	Area.	Land revenue assessed or assessable.	Consideration money.	Number of Mahals or shares in mahals.	Area.	Land revenue assessed or assessable.	Consideration money.
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.		Acres.	Rs.	Rs.
20	4,922	1,519	37,789	7	3,893	579	5,909
14	4,500	2,878	54,745	5	2,329	735	15,495
18	6,935	2,477	42,484	16	11,823	10,936	49,976
2	738	287	30	3	2,239	154	5,700
3	1,017	167	8,976	...	...	...	...
57	18,112	7,328	1,44,024	31	20,284	12,404	77,080
8	812	572	11,377	15	6,089	3,948	14,297
23	13,920	9,648	3,12,714	2	1,915	902	20,500
14	3,062	1,861	21,857	13	2,085	2,197	11,575
8	5,751	756	20,009	18	2,711	578	3,400
33	8,831	1,108	40,249	2	1,797	120	2,500
86	32,376	13,945	4,06,296	50	14,597	7,745	52,272
18	1,729	1,348	32,701	6	244	109	3,600
14	2,757	1,558	28,193	11	7,989	5,501	8,000
16	5,640	940	15,440	2	387	60	900
12	2,238	716	7,373	2	750	237	1,301
6	4,140	1,499	29,724	2	2,860	1,485	Given on theka.
66	16,504	6,061	1,13,431	23	12,230	7,392	13,801
8	1,640	839	24,015	...	...	...	...
14	1,752	740	3,867	2	549	96	3,325
19	3,731	1,429	27,433	...	...	...	...
41	7,123	3,008	55,315	2	549	96	3,325
250	74,115	30,342	7,19,066	106	47,660	27,637	1,46,478

under the Land-revenue Act during the revenue year ending the 30*th September* 1915.

Total of columns 6 and 7.	Number pending at close of year.	Date of institution of oldest case pending.	Details of partitions effected during year.			Remarks.
			Number of mahals formerly.	Number of mahals now.	Area partitioned.	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
					Acres.	
2	...	...	...	...	...	
19	7	20-12-1913	48	63	19,461	
15	6	15-6-1915	14	24	4,578	
3	3	16-7-1915	...	...	...	
27	7	1-10-1913	14	32	12,368	
66	23	...	76	119	36,407	
4	4	15-12-1914	2	4	631	NERBUDDA DIVISION.
4	8	(a)17-1-1912	...	...	...	
12	15	29-5-1914	7	18	7,755	(a) Erroneously shown as 3-5-19-2 in last year's statement.
12	6	6-10-1914	9	21	22,757	
1	...	...	1	2	1,235	
33	33	...	19	45	32,378	
23	36	3-1-1913	11	24	6,679	
...	11	1-5-1915	...	...	...	
4	12	9-10-1912	2	7	917	
87	18	23-4-1915	48	215	53,088	
...	12	26-2-1913	...	...	...	
114	89	...	61	246	60,684	
43	13	11-12-1914	15	66	33,676	
69	9	29-9-1914	33	80	31,619	
14	23	17-4-1914	3	7	3,312	
126	45	...	51	153	68,607	
339	190	...	207	563	1,98,076	

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT L.—Showing work under certain heads of revenue business during the revenue year ending 30th September 1915.

Heads of business.	Division.	Number of cases.			Particulars of disposal.		
		Pending at commencement of year.	Instituted during year.	Disposed of during year.	Withdrawn, compromised or referred to Civil Court.	Rejected in default as time-barred or after enquiry.	Decided wholly or partially in favour of applicants.
LAND REVENUE ACT.							
I.—Enquiries into the claims of thekadars to protected status under Section 65 (*a*) [Section 132 (*i*)].	Jubbulpore ...	2	1	3	2	...	1
	Nerbudda ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhattisgarh ..	9	14	9	...	8	1
	Total ...	11	15	12	2	8	2
II.—Application by lambardar for recovery of an arrear (Section 116).	Jubbulpore ...	30	219	174	40	58	76
	Nerbudda ...	14	147	146	13	35	98
	Nagpur ...	28	86	99	18	46	35
	Chhattisgarh ...	10	61	59	2	33	24
	Total ..	82	513	478	73	172	233
TENANCY ACT.							
III.—Application by tenant to deposit rent (Section 8).	Jubbulpore ...	2	16	18	...	8	10
	Nerbudda ...	...	84	84	2	11	71
	Nagpur ...	...	31	31	4	10	17
	Chhattisgarh ...	8	308	315	...	14	301
	Total ..	10	439	448	6	43	399
IV.—Application by tenant for imposing penalty on landlord for levying anything in excess of rent legally payable (Section 10).	Jubbulpore ...	14	30	41	7	15	19
	Nerbudda ...	...	15	12	...	5	7
	Nagpur ...	...	7	7	5	...	2
	Chhattisgarh ...	2	9	10	...	6	4
	Total ...	16	61	70	12	26	32
V.—Application by tenant for imposing penalty on landlord for refusing to grant receipt for rent paid (Section 12).	Jubbulpore ...	6	27	31	7	14	10
	Nerbudda ...	3	10	12	5	3	4
	Nagpur ...	5	11	16	2	10	4
	Chhattisgarh ...	2	13	14	...	11	3
	Total ...	16	61	73	14	38	21
VI.—Application by landlord to enhance rent because of improvements made by him (Section 13).	Jubbulpore ...	...	2	1	...	...	1
	Nerbudda ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total .	...	2	1	...	...	1
VII.—Application by tenant to have rent reduced owing to effect of improvement having ceased (Section 14).	Jubbulpore ...	...	10	9	9	...	...
	Nerbudda ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur ...	...	3	3	...	3	...
	Chhattisgarh .	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ..	...	13	12	9	3	...
VIII.—Application to enhance, alter or commute rent (Sections 15 to 17).	Jubbulpore ...	...	6	3	1	2	...
	Nerbudda ...	1	69	70	...	2	68
	Nagpur ...	1	5	6	...	3	3
	Chhattisgarh ...	18	235	253	...	12	241
	Total ...	20	315	332	1	19	312
IX.—Application by tenant against landlord for illegally distraining produce of holding (Section 30).	Jubbulpore ...	...	...	...	...		...
	Nerbudda ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	...		...	...	...
X.—Application by landlord against person removing produce after service of distraint notice (Section 30).	Jubbulpore ..	...	...	..	...	...	...
	Nerbudda ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
XI.—Application to be placed in possession of surrendered occupancy holding (Section 36).	Jubbulpore ...	3	8	7	1	4	2
	Nerbudda ...	12	57	55	8	23	24
	Nagpur ..	19	31	44	3	27	14
	Chhattisgarh ...	2	9	9	...	3	6
	Total ...	36	105	115	12	57	46

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT L.—Showing work under certain heads of revenue business during the revenue year ending 30th September 1915.—(Concld.)

Heads of business.	Division.	Number of cases.			Particulars of disposal.		
		Pending at commencement of year.	Instituted during year.	Disposed of during year.	Withdrawn, compromised or referred to Civil Court.	Rejected in default as time-barred or after enquiry.	Decided wholly or partially in favour of applicants.
TENANCY ACT.—(*Concld.*)							
XII.—Application to transfer *sir* land [Section 45 (2)].	Jubbulpore	57	164	184	9	43	132
	Nerbudda	16	102	101	6	37	58
	Nagpur	56	169	189	25	65	99
	Chhattisgarh	29	126	130	2	61	67
	Total	158	561	604	42	206	356
XIII.—Application to set aside transfer made by occupancy tenant (Section 47).	Jubbulpore	7	22	20	5	11	4
	Nerbudda	5	38	37	8	23	6
	Nagpur	17	35	47	10	22	15
	Chhattisgarh	20	100	97	12	57	28
	Total	49	195	201	35	113	53
XIV.—Application to enhance rent of occupancy tenants (Section 51).	Jubbulpore	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nerbudda	...	...	...	...	..	...
	Nagpur	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhattisgarh	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	...	...	...	...	...	...
XV.—Declaration of sub-tenants to have rights of ordinary tenants (Section 61).	Jubbulpore	...	...	..	...	...	...
	Nerbudda	(*a*) 2	10	8	1	7	...
	Nagpur	...	12	12	...	12	...
	Chhattisgarh	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	2	22	20	1	19	...
XVI.—Service of notice of enhancement on ordinary tenant (Section 64).	Jubbulpore	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nerbudda	2	8	10	...	6	4
	Nagpur	...	3	3	...	1	2
	Chhattisgarh	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	2	11	13	...	7	6
XVII.—Application by landlord for ejectment of tenant in default of agreeing to enhancement [Section 65 (2)].	Jubbulpore	1	7	4	3	1	...
	Nerbudda	...	2	2	...	...	2
	Nagpur	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhattisgarh	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	1	9	6	3	1	2
XVIII.—Application to set aside transfer made by ordinary tenant (Section 71).	Jubbulpore	9	37	36	6	23	7
	Nerbudda	...	11	10	4	6	...
	Nagpur	9	20	21	3	13	5
	Chhattisgarh	29	103	116	29	64	23
	Total	47	171	183	42	106	35
XIX.—Application to confer occupancy rights and to fix rent of holding for purposes of Section 73.	Jubbulpore	2	5	7	1	4	2
	Nerbudda	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur	1	5	3	...	3	...
	Chhattisgarh	...	...	...	...	..	...
	Total	3	10	10	1	7	2
XX.—Fixation of fair rent on a reference by the Civil Court (Section 78).	Jubbulpore	...	3	2	...	...	2
	Nerbudda	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur	...	..	...	...	..	...
	Chhattisgarh	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	...	3	2	...	...	2
XXI.—Application for execution of decree by ejectment of tenant (Sections 82 and 85).	Jubbulpore	65	403	365	32	96	237
	Nerbudda	66	371	335	43	64	228
	Nagpur	59	299	296	49	93	154
	Chhattisgarh	12	190	192	33	37	122
	Total	202	1,263	1,188	157	290	741
XXII.—Application by tenant for reinstatement after illegal ejectment (Section 92).	Jubbulpore	49	179	192	30	91	71
	Nerbudda	14	60	68	17	32	19
	Nagpur	16	98	102	13	61	28
	Chhattisgarh	18	99	112	26	61	25
	Total	97	436	474	86	245	143

NERBUDDA DIVISION.

(*a*) In the previous year there were 6 cases pending, of these 5 were transferred to Register C as they were cases under side head IX.—1, and hence omitted.

STATEMENT M.—Showing principal suits between landlord and tenant under the Central
ending the

Division.	District.	Suits for arrears			
		Number disposed of during year.			Number of
		Compromised.	Decreed for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Decreed for defendant or dismissed in default.	Executed by sale of distrained produce.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Jubbulpore ...	Saugor	42	415	110	6
	Damoh	51	450	91	...
	Jubbulpore	38	928	181	2
	Mandla	7	106	17	...
	Seoni	14	272	24	...
	Total ...	152	2,171	423	8
Nerbudda ...	Narsinghpur	44	828	115	...
	Hoshangabad	96	478	100	87
	Nimar	32	293	73	...
	Betul	23	171	46	...
	Chhindwara	13	151	15	...
	Total ...	211	1,921	349	87
Nagpur ...	Wardha	87	701	227	...
	Nagpur	100	1,080	129	9
	Chanda	14	169	26	1
	Bhandara	35	394	85	...
	Balaghat	21	104	29	...
	Total ...	257	2,448	496	10
Chhattisgarh ...	Raipur	42	253	60	...
	Bilaspur	45	210	78	...
	Drug	7	188	53	...
	Total ...	94	651	191	...
	Grand Total ...	714	7,191	1,459	105

Provinces Tenancy Act in the districts of the Central Provinces during the revenue year 30th September 1915.

of rent.			Suits for ejectment of tenants on the ground that the holding consists entirely of *sir* land or under Section 52 (*b*).			Suits by tenants for recovery of possession.		
decrees			Number disposed of during year.			Number disposed of during year.		
Transferred to Collector under Section 84.		Transferred to Revenue Officer under Section 85.	Compromised.	Decreed for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Decreed for defendant or dismissed in default.	Compromised.	Decreed for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Decreed for defedant or dismissed in default.
Total number transferred.	Number in which sale held by Collector during year.							
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
11	1	87	...	3	...	2	...	4
31	6	110	...	1	...	5	6	15
35	1	171	1	3	...	7	10	22
...	...	6	...	...	...	1	3	10
2	...	37	...	8	1	...	3	7
59	8	411	1	15	1	15	22	58
34	1	213	...	1	3	...	...	7
41	5	117	...	3	2	...	6	7
...	...	32	...	...	2	2	6	3
...	...	8	...	...	...	...	2	6
4	...	46	...	12	11	2	10	13
79	6	416	...	16	18	4	24	36
15	...	118	...	...	...	...	7	4
30	...	151	...	...	...	5	4	7
3	...	28	...	...	...	...	9	2
...	1	14	...	...	...	4	1	18
2	1	17	...	...	...	7	33	18
50	2	328	...	...	...	16	54	49
1	...	23	...	...	1	3	6	22
...	...	23	...	...	...	1	7	15
...	...	106	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	...	152	...	...	1	4	13	37
189	16	1,307	1	31	20	39	113	180

STATEMENT N.—Giving details of land sold by Collector under precept

Division.	District.	Number of sales ordered by civil courts.			Number of cases in which sale has been averted by payment of claim.	Number of cases in which sale has been averted by temporary alienation.
		Pending at close of preceding year.	During the year.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Jubbulpore	Saugor	104	112	216	43	8
	Damoh	(a) 51	74	125	18	...
	Jubbulpore	78	189	267	67	...
	Mandla	8	9	17	5	...
	Seoni	14	26	40	10	...
	Total	255	410	665	143	8
Nerbudda	Narsinghpur	74	117	191	46	7
	Hoshangabad	108	203	311	76	14
	Nimar	87	183	270	41	3
	Betul	25	39	64	14	4
	Chhindwara	47	156	203	28	2
	Total	341	698	1,039	205	30
Nagpur	Wardha	163	224	387	49	4
	Nagpur	169	266	435	36	...
	Chanda	(a) 46	80	126	26	1
	Bhandara	(b) 75	141	216	106	4
	Balaghat	47	106	153	62	6
	Total	500	817	1,317	279	15
Chhattisgarh	Raipur	11	72	83	27	...
	Bilaspur	27	49	76	19	3
	Drug	25	47	72	16	...
	Total	63	168	231	62	3
	Grand Total	1,159	2,093	3,252	689	56

JUBBULPORE

(a) Lease cases which were shown as disposed of in last year's statement are reported to be still on the pending

NAGPUR

(a) The increase of 7 cases is due to the inclusion

(b) The decrease of 8 is due to the omission to show the disposal of cases in which sale in respect of occupancy

from civil courts during the revenue year ending the 30th September 1915.

Number of cases in which sale has taken place.		Number of cases in which sale has been refused on the decree-holder refusing to take a lease on reasonable terms.	Number of cases struck off in default or otherwise.	Number of cases pending at close of year.	Result of sales of revenue-paying property.				Number of years' purchase (column 16 on column 13).
Villages, shares of villages and malik-makbuza plots.	Absolute-occupancy holdings.				Amount of land revenue assessed on property transferred (column 8 only).	Price realized.	Add amount of encumbrances known to exist on the property at the time of sale.	Theoretical deduced price (total of columns 14 and 15).	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
					Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
10	14	...	61	80	667	13,627	1,118	14,745	22·10
6	7	...	25	69	181	1,621	2,078	3,699	20·43
12	19	1	52	116	1,529	18,857	2,150	21,007	13·74
2	1	...	3	6	52	2,700	...	2,700	51·92
2	1	...	12	15	24	1,970	1,000	2,970	123·75
32	42	1	153	286	2,453	38,775	6,346	45,121	18·39
1	17	...	51	69	125	2,625	...	2,625	21·00
3	69	...	36	113	5,123	1,98,056	...	1,98,056	38·66
62	6	...	31	127	1,792	35,626	6,066	41,692	23·27
1	8	...	6	31	83	2,109	...	2,109	25·41
10	28	2	74	59	228	7,855	6,884	14,739	64·64
77	128	2	198	399	7,351	2,46,271	12,950	2,59,221	35·26
19	14	...	113	188	1,410	14,249	450	14,699	10·42
17	42	...	148	192	768	10,166	9,381	19,547	25·45
17	7	...	12	63	363	13,891	1,700	15,591	42·95
6	13	3	19	65	250	6,744	760	7,504	30·02
5	6	...	33	41	116	4,790	240	5,030	43·36
64	82	3	325	549	2,907	49,840	12,531	62,371	21·45
3	11	...	22	20	65	4,779	990	5,769	88·75
1	2	2	11	38	45	105	700	805	17·88
6	...	...	12	38	215	2,894	...	2,894	13·50
10	13	2	45	96	325	7,778	1,690	9,468	29·13
183	265	8	721	1,330	13,036	3,42,664	33,517	3,76,181	28·85

DIVISION.

file, and hence they have been shown in column 3 of the statement.

DIVISION.

of lease cases which were omitted last year.
and ordinary holdings had taken place for want of appropriate column in the statement to show their disposal.

STATEMENT O.—Showing general revenue business transacted

Division.	District.	Cultivated area of district in square miles.	Population.	Number of villages.	Land revenue excluding cesses.	Number of cases for disposal.		
						Pending at close of preceding year.	Instituted during the year.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
					Rs.			
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor ...	1,602	541,410	(a) 2,081	6,50,726	357	4,099	4,456
	Damoh ...	986	333,047	1,394	4,67,056	323	3,310	3,633
	Jubbulpore ..	1,981	745,892	2,537	9,97,953	631	6,827	7,458
	Mandla ...	1,494	405,234	2,013	2,72,435	346	2,082	2,428
	Seoni ...	1,455	395,481	1,641	2,91,633	213	2,631	2,844
	Total ...	7,518	2,421,064	9,666	26,79,803	1,870	18,949	20,819
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur ...	989	325,677	1,104	6,36,450	240	2,618	2,858
	Hoshangabad ...	1,566	457,395	1,393	6,82,788	216	2,529	2,745
	Nimar ...	1,444	391,071	1,143	6,18,540	206	3,005	3,211
	Betul ...	1,393	390,386	1,276	2,86,241	84	1,972	2,056
	Chhindwara ...	1,810	516,948	1,947	2,98,829	197	2,811	3,008
	Total ...	7,202	2,081,477	6,863	25,22,848	943	12,935	13,878
NAGPUR	Wardha ...	1,688	459,796	1,369	8,13,508	398	5,599	5,997
	Nagpur ...	2,262	809,901	1,939	11,90,684	672	5,540	6,212
	Chanda ...	1,524	677,544	2,975	3,73,506	225	3,094	3,319
	Bhandara ...	1,567	773,677	1,824	5,86,597	322	3,040	3,362
	Balaghat ...	771	388,920	1,191	2,76,805	246	1,723	1,969
	Total ...	7,812	31,09,838	9,298	32,41,100	1,863	18,996	20,859
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur ...	3,811	1,324,856	2,097	7,72,069	200	4,150	4,359
	Bilaspur ...	3,044	1,146,223	3,538	6,02,616	365	4,182	4,547
	Drug ...	2,621	775,688	2,624	6,45,887	252	2,859	3,111
	Total ..	9,476	3,246,767	8,259	20,20,572	817	11,191	12,008
	GRAND TOTAL ...	32,008	10,859,146	34,086	1,04,64,323	5,493	62,071	67,564

during the revenue year ending the 30th September 1915.

Number of cases disposed of.	Number of cases pending at close of the year.	Number of cases pending more than				Number of English letters in Revenue Department.		Remarks.
		Three months.	Six months.	Nine months.	Twelve months.	Issues.	Receipts.	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
								JUBBULPORE DIVISION.
4,191	265	21	13	14	30	1,128	1,929	(a) Increase of 6 villages is due to resettlement.
3,052	581	29	22	6	23	1,325	2,381	
6,895	563	12	1	5	16	2,760	2,911	
2,228	200	...	6	...	...	1,001	1,736	
2,623	221	36	4	3	2	1,921	922	
18,989	1,830	98	46	28	71	8,135	9,879	
2,700	158	24	11	6	30	1,438	2,342	
2,530	215	26	16	16	39	1,580	2,394	
2,799	412	49	28	9	25	1,452	2,885	
1,909	147	14	4	5	9	1,720	1,891	
2,866	142	2	6	1	4	2,185	2,387	
12,804	1,074	115	65	37	107	8,375	11,899	
5,325	672	70	36	24	60	2,151	2,773	
5,352	860	141	40	24	83	4,470	5,031	
3,108	211	14	8	6	22	2,427	3,640	
3,123	239	52	13	4	4	2,672	3,498	
1,788	181	19	2	1	24	2,651	3,501	
18,696	2,163	296	99	59	193	14,371	18,443	
4,164	186	17	8	5	2	2,938	3,295	
4,099	448	45	7	10	10	1,820	1,976	
2,886	225	21	10	7	13	1,087	1,621	
11,149	859	3	25	22	25	5,845	6,892	
6,1638	5,926	592	235	145	396	36,726	47,113	

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DURING THE YEAR

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FROM

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Central Provinces,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER,

LAND RECORDS DEPARTMENT,

Central Provinces.

SIR, *Dated Nagpur, the* $\frac{15th}{21st}$ *January* 1916.

I have the honour to submit the following report on the operations of the Land Records and Settlement Departments in the Central Provinces for the year ending September 30th, 1915. I was in charge of the Department for the whole year under report. Mr. Searle held charge of the post of Assistant Settlement Commissioner till March 21st, 1915, after which date the post remained vacant.

Revision of establishment.

2. The Patwari Halkabandi of the Chhindwara district was revised and introduced during the year under report, and those of Banda tahsil (Saugor) and Nagpur are in the course of submission to the Local Administration. The revision of the Halkabandi of the Betul tahsil has since received the approval of the Local Administration, but the new arrangement has not yet been introduced. The question of the revision of the Halkabandi of the Chanda district is also under consideration. In the Narsinghpur district five Patwari circles were abolished owing to the death or dismissal of Patwaris which resulted in an annual saving of Rs. 493, and the question of abolishing 11 more Patwari circles is under consideration. In consequence of the creation of the new Niwas tahsil in the Mandla district and the revision of Halkabandi in the Chhindwara district, the staff was increased by two Revenue Inspectors in each of the two districts mentioned.

Measures taken to improve the prospects of the staff.

3. The scheme of the amalgamated cadre of Superintendents of Land Records and Assistant Superintendents of Land Records with the Subordinate Civil Service was given effect to from December 22nd instead of from October 1st, 1914, as was anticipated, and in 6 * and 3 † districts respectively the Superintendents of Land Records and Assistant Superintendents of Land Records at present working have been recruited from the class of Tahsildars and Naib-Tahsildars of the regular line.

* (1) Balaghat. (2) Chanda. (3) Seoni. (4) Raipur. (5) Drug. (6) Bilaspur.

† (1) Damoh. (2) Hoshangabad. (3) Raipur.

During the year under report the scheme for grading the Patwaris, mentioned in paragraph 3 of last year's report, was introduced in the Seoni, Damoh and Wardha districts. The number of good-conduct allowances at Rs. 3 per mensem was raised from 5 to 10 per cent of the total number of Patwaris in the Jubbulpore, Betul, Chanda, Drug and Raipur districts.

II.—LAND RECORDS WORK.

Changes in the system of Land Records.

4. The changes effected in the system of Land Records during the year under report were as follows:—

(i) Rule 26 of Revenue Book Circular III-1, Appendix I, was amended to ensure the punctual supply of new survey instruments to Patwaris where necessary.

(ii) In the second forecasts of all crops, estimated percentage in respect of areas is now to be calculated on the areas estimated at the corresponding date of the previous year and not on final areas reported in the agricultural returns.

(iii) The period of retention of Khasras and Jamabandis in the Revenue Record-room has now been extended to "twelve years after the term of Settlement" instead of "for the term of Settlement" (*vide* amendment to Rules LXIX and XCII of Revenue Book Circular III-1, Appendix II).

(iv) Rule LXVII, Revenue Book Circular III-1, Appendix II, has been amended to prevent frauds in obtaining privileged rates for grazing in Government forests, and Superintendents of Land Records and their Assistants are now required to personally supervise the preparation of the grazing certificates by Patwaris.

Condition of village maps.

5. Village maps are reported to be generally in good condition save in Betul where they are reported to be far from satisfactory. Steps were however taken to remove almost all worn out maps, and special map correction proceedings have now been started in that district. Adequate attention appears to have been paid to the renewal of traces in all districts.

Condition of village boundary marks, permanent marks for traverse stations and boundary marks of survey numbers in Ryotwari villages.

6. The condition of boundary marks and traverse stations is reported to be generally satisfactory. The Deputy Commissioner, Narsinghpur, however, reports that many traverse marks on the borders of nalas and rivers have been washed away. Fines amounting to Rs. 231 were imposed on Mukaddams in the Betul, Chhindwara, Wardha and Chanda districts. The condition of boundary marks of survey numbers in Ryotwari villages is also reported to be generally in good condition except in the Mandla and Seoni districts. The Deputy Commissioners of the three districts mentioned above have been asked to suggest steps to improve matters.

(*a*) Check of village records in districts not under settlement.

7. The amount of khasra check by Revenue Inspectors is satisfactory in all districts, but the check is frequently rather slovenly. Full information is not available from all districts, but the number of mistakes found by Superintendents of Land Records and their Assistants in the fields previously checked by Revenue Inspectors ranged from 2 per cent in Betul, where I think supervision is slack, to 11 per cent in Bhandara (the late Superintendent of Land Records of Bhandara is now in Betul). In Mandla, Narsinghpur and Nimar results are not very satisfactory. It is to be hoped that a better class of Revenue Inspectors will be obtained in the near future with the spread of education and fair prospects for competent men.

(*b*) By Superintendents of Land Records and Assistant Superintendents of Land Records.

8. The check of Superintendents of Land Records and Assistant Superintendents of Land Records was generally adequate. The checking by Superintendent of Land Records and his Assistants in the Chanda district has been more satisfactory this year—an improvement over the low outturn remarked in last year's report. Of the efficiency of the Superintendents of Land Records check it is difficult to speak, but I think there must have been a great improvement recently. They are now bound to check an adequate proportion of numbers previously checked by Revenue Inspectors, and I trust that the ancient custom of carrying on a joint check with the Revenue Inspector (the Revenue Inspector doing the check and both signing the Khasra entries) is now extinct.

(*c*) By Tahsildars and Naib-Tahsildars.

9. The amount of checking of Land Record work was generally satisfactory except in the following districts :—

	Entries tested.
(1) Nimar	1,714
(2) Betul	1,714
(3) Wardha	1,243

The check of Land Record work in the Burhanpur tahsil of the Nimar district has been almost entirely neglected by the Tahsildar and Naib-Tahsildar, and the Deputy Commissioner has been addressed on the subject. In Betul the check was also inadequate, but the Deputy Commissioner reports that he has already dealt with the matter. In the Wardha district Land Records inspection has also been much neglected by the tahsil staff, especially in the Arvi tahsil, in spite of the remarks in last year's report: the Deputy Commissioner, Wardha, has been addressed on the subject.

The Commissioner, Nagpur Division, remarks that the Tahsildar of Chanda and Naib-Tahsildars of Chanda and Warora have neglected this duty to a serious extent, while the check by the Tahsildar and Naib-Tahsildar of Baihar has again been of a very perfunctory description, and the Deputy Commissioner's attention is being called to this failure. The Tahsildars of Sausar (Chhindwara), Gondia (Bhandara) and Balaghat and the Naib-Tahsildars of Amarwara (Chhindwara), Balaghat and Raipur did no checking whatever. The Deputy Commissioner, Mandla, has now prescribed a scale of the amount of check required by Tahsildars and Naib-Tahsildars in his district.

(*d*) By Deputy Commissioners and their Assistants.

10. The amount of checking done by the Deputy Commissioners and their Assistants is generally satisfactory.

(*e*) By Director of Land Records and Assistant Director of Land Records.

11. Mr. Searle toured in Seoni, Drug, Raipur and Bilaspur and inspected Land Record work and checked Khasra entries of 30 villages in the Raipur district. Besides the districts under settlement I toured in Jubbulpore, Betul and Drug for the inspection of Land Records and Kanungos' offices, and also checked the condition of the maps in some villages of the Raipur district.

(*f*) Check of Jamabandis by Kanungos.

12. The number of Jamabandi entries checked by the Kanungos was generally adequate except in Bilaspur where the check amounted to only 3 per cent, but the work has been pushed on vigorously since. The percentage of errors discovered for the Province as a whole was 1 per cent as against ·85 of last year. Apart from the very low outturn of check in Bilaspur the percentage of incorrect entries is the highest, *viz.*, 3·92. Next comes Chanda where the number of incorrect entries was 1,441 or 2·90 per cent. The Deputy Commissioner, Chanda, explains that though the number of incorrect entries amounts to nearly 3 per cent on the whole, the number of mistakes detected in Sironcha tahsil alone averages 11 per cent which is mainly due to the poor quality of the staff of Patwaris. He represents the difficulty of obtaining efficient Patwaris for the Sironcha tahsil and a greater part of the Garchiroli tahsil. The unpopularity of the tract and the frequent use of an interpreter by the Patwari in the Sironcha tahsil unacquainted with Telugu checks the speed of working considerably.

The Kanungo of Burhanpur (Nimar) is reported to have failed to comply with the instructions contained in new Rule 47 of Appendix I of Revenue Book Circular III-1 and was warned not to repeat the mistakes over again.

Degree of punctuality observed in filing village papers.

13. Except in the districts under settlement and map correction annual papers were generally up to time. In Mandla, there was some delay owing to late distribution of forms and interruption of communications by rain. In Chanda, there was the usual delay owing to the inadequacy and inefficiency of the staff, especially in the Sironcha tahsil, whilst in Chhattisgarh and Jubbulpore district, a certain number of village papers were filed shortly after the due date.

Condition of Kanungos' offices.

14. The inspection of Kanungos' offices was generally adequate and except in the following tahsils the work was found to be in good order :—

Damoh tahsil (Damoh).
Dindori tahsil (Mandla).
Khandwa, Burhanpur and Harsud tahsils (Nimar).
Multai tahsil (Betul).
Ramtek tahsil (Nagpur).
Bilaspur and Janjgir tahsils (Bilaspur).

The Kanungo of Burhanpur (Nimar) retired in June last, and the office is now reported to be in good order. The work of the office at Multai was found to be unsatisfactory at the Superintendent of Land Records' inspection in June last which was due to the bad health of the permanent Kanungo, and it has now been brought up to date by the present man. The unsatisfactory state of Kanungos' offices at Bilaspur and Janjgir is reported to be partly due to the constant changes of the staff.

15. 328 sanads were granted during the year as against 734 in the preceding year. The appreciable decrease is noticed in the Nagpur district, *viz.*, only 73 sanads were issued during the year as against 550 of last year. It is reported that the number should have been 300, but the Assistant Settlement Officer mistook the Settlement Officer's orders and the balance of sanads are now being issued. Mandla, Jubbulpore and Bilaspur show an increase of 14, 21, and 26, respectively, while no sanads were issued in Chhindwara and Balaghat. The Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division, remarks that the number of cases of grant of sanad for improvement brought to light by the Land Record Staff is still disappointingly small, and it appears that there is need for greater effort in this respect, but personally I am extremely doubtful if any such sanads have been earned. In Raipur and Drug at any rate there is very little opening for land improvements, as very few villages contain sites for irrigation reservoirs worth constructing.

Issue of sanads for agricultural improvements.

16. The work in connection with the grazing received more attention by the Land Record Staff in most districts. In spite of the remarks in last year's report, the Superintendents of Land Records and Assistant Superintendents of Land Records again neglected the work of checking in this respect in all the districts except Betul, Damoh Wardha, Chanda and the districts of the Chhattisgarh division. The work of 24 Patwaris was found unsatisfactory in this connection in the Betul District, 9 of whom were punished by suspension, the good-conduct allowance of one was withdrawn, and 14 were warned. Complaints of illegal realization of fees for writing passes were also received against two Patwaris in the Betul district, and the cases are under enquiry. The Settlement Officer, Nagpur, states that the new rules could not be introduced during the year under report as the certificates were received when passes had already being issued by the Patwaris according to old rules, and in consultation with the Divisional Forest Officer it was decided to introduce the rules next year. The Deputy Commissioner, Chanda, represents that as Patwaris are generally very busy with the preparation of Jamabandis and their abstracts from April till the end of 15th June, so very few of them can take up the writing of grazing passes in hand before 15th June, and the Revenue Inspectors thus can get only $1\frac{1}{4}$ months' time to complete the check and that is also in rainy days. He adds that nearly every village of Revenue Inspector's circle in the Khalsa takes grazing passes, and it is practically impossible for a Revenue Inspector to inspect all such villages in order to finish his check honestly according to the standard fixed in Rule 26 of the revised grazing rules. The Land Record staff of the Chanda district is not sufficient for the adequate discharge of the ordinary Land Record work, and special exception must be made for Chanda under the revised grazing rules. I regret that I omitted to bring this matter to the notice of the Local Administration when these rules were under discussion. 17 Excise shops were inspected in the Nagpur district by the Superintendent of Land Records and his Assistants.

Miscellaneous.

III.—Conduct of the Land Record Staff.

Residence of Patwaris within their circles.

17. The percentage of non-resident Patwaris without permission has fallen in the following districts :—

Damoh	from	5 to 2·35	per cent.
Chanda	,,	12·37 to 7·73	,,
Wardha	,,	2·26 to ·90	,,

Transfers and the appointment of new men as probationers or in temporary vacancies account for an increase in the following districts :—

Chhindwara	from	22·6 to 24·21	per cent.
Mandla	,,	10 to 11·73	,,
Raipur	,,	6 to 8·56	,,
Bilaspur	,,	10·26 to 12·41	,,
Jubbulpore	,,	3·47 to 4·22	,,
Drug	,,	2 to 4·04	,,
Betul	,,	·50 to 2·49	,,
Seoni	,,	8·33 to 8·97	,,

It is to be hoped that the high figures in Chhindwara and Mandla are merely temporary. In Seoni, owing to the inception of Settlement operations and the

consequent weeding out of inefficients, and also owing to the introduction of the revised Halkabandi I am afraid the number of non-resident Patwaris is likely to be high for some years.

Further enquiries have been made into the important question of the punctual confirmation or removal of probationers. It is a most profitable source of income for dishonest Revenue Inspectors, and, I may say, Superintendents of Land Records and their Assistants, to keep Patwaris on probation for years if possible, and there are few, if any, districts in which cases in which this has been done could not be found. The Deputy Commissioners of Raipur and Drug have made experiments in dealing with this trouble, and proposals, based on their experience, have now been submitted to the Local Administration which I trust will eliminate this evil. In this case I would again bring to the notice of the Local Administration the necessity of Commissioners insisting that Deputy Commissioners should carry out the principles of Revenue Book Circular III-1, and see that Tahsildars do really see to the discipline of the Patwari establishment of their tahsils, instead of leaving it to the Superintendent of Land Records. In large districts such as Raipur, Bilaspur, Nagpur, or Jubbulpore, I do not think the Superintendent of Land Records can possibly do this work adequately, whilst the results of Mr. Rustomji's efforts to have the orders contained in the Circular in question really carried out in Raipur have been most satisfactory.

Training of Patwaris.

18. Survey classes were opened for the training of Patwaris and Patwari candidates in all the districts except Balaghat, and the results were generally fair.

Conduct and discipline of Patwaris.

19. The following table shows the disciplinary measures taken against Patwaris in the year under report as compared to the previous year:—

	1913-14.	1914-15.
Dismissals	129	95
Reductions	23	41
Fines	51	1
Suspensions	255	232
Transfers	87	112
Total ...	545	481

It will be seen that there is a considerable decrease in the number of dismissals. Raipur alone contributes 25 dismissals of the total number of 95 mentioned above. There is, however, an increase in the number of reductions from 23 to 41, but the increase is largely contributed by the Damoh and Seoni districts comprising 11 and 10 reductions, respectively. In the Damoh district it is due to the working of the new gradation of Patwaris in four classes. The Deputy Commissioner, Raipur, suggests that cases as regards discipline of Patwaris may well be dealt with finally by Sub-Divisional Officers, appeals lying to the Deputy Commissioner, and the Divisional Commissioner, Chhattisgarh, is in favour of allowing Sub-Divisional Officers power to deal with disciplinary cases of Patwaris, but he would reserve to the Deputy Commissioner the power of dismissal or of transfer. I have personally consulted several Deputy Commissioners on this subject, and would allow Sub-Divisional Officers powers of appointment, punishment and dismissal. Powers of transfer can hardly be granted, as these are usually from one sub-division to another, and transfers of Patwaris are generally to be deprecated.

Revenue Inspectors, their qualifications, conduct and discipline.

20. The number of Revenue Inspectors punished during the year was exactly the same as was reported last year, *viz.*, 23;* 15 of these punishments were inflicted in the Chhattisgarh Division. With the exception of these, the work of Revenue Inspectors is reported to be generally satisfactory, though I am personally inclined to think it is rather slovenly.

* Reduced 7, Fined 10, Suspended 3, Transfers 3, Total 23.

Superintendents of Land Records and Assistant Superintendents of Land Records, their qualifications, conduct and discipline.

21. Almost all the districts report favourably on the work of Superintendents of Land Records, except the Deputy Commissioner, Raipur, who remarks that Mahesh Prasad who was sent from Bilaspur as officiating Superintendent of Land Records for three months, is below the average and is not equal to the duties of Superintendent of Land Records. Mr. Pusatkar, late

Superintendent of Land Records of Damoh, is reported to have marred the effect of his personal work by his want of control in dealing with subordinates. The work of Assistant Superintendents of Land Records is reported to be generally satisfactory.

IV.—Utilization of Land Records.

Circle Note-books.

22. Circle note-books were written up to date except of the 32 villages of the Harsud tahsil in the Nimar district and in the districts in which settlement or map correction operations were in progress. The Commissioner, Nerbudda Division, remarks that, as the ryotwari estate is important, he has suggested the preparation of circle note-books for it in the three tahsils of Nimar as is done in the Baihar tahsil of Balaghat. I have recommended that circle note-books be compiled for ryotwari villages in all districts.

Village Note-Books.

23. Village note-books are generally up to date save in the districts under settlement or map correction operations. New village note-books have been supplied to 142 villages in the Mandla district. In three villages of the Bachai circle in the Narsinghpur district the books are reported to have been burnt, and action is being taken to supply new books.

PART II.—OPERATIONS OF THE SETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT.

24. *General.*—The operations of the Settlement Department consisted in—

(*a*) The revision of settlement in the Saugor, Nagpur, Hoshangabad, Chhindwara and Balaghat districts.

(*b*) The correction of village maps in the Hoshangabad, Chhindwara, Balaghat, Seoni and Bhandara districts.

(*c*) The preparation of inception reports for the Seoni and Bhandara districts.

I.—The Revenue Settlement of Malguzari Villages.

Mr. G. L. Corbett, I.C.S., Settlement Officer.
Assistant Settlement Officers—Messrs. Manzur Ahmad, S. Azmat Ali and Gouri-Shanker.

25. *Saugor.*—The attestation of the remaining 37 villages has been completed, and during the year under report Rent-rate reports for 918 villages with an area of 1,436 square miles were submitted, whilst 706 villages with an area of 1,219 square miles were assessed. The balance left over is 88 villages to be rent-rated, and 555 villages for assessment. The balance for assessment would have been very much smaller had it not been for the special difficulties connected with the Khurai tahsil, where large areas of first class land had been held back from cultivation for years in order to obtain a lenient settlement. It was necessary for Mr. Corbett to prepare a special report on this subject dealing with the tahsil as a whole, and the necessity for a most careful scrutiny of all the facts and figures put forward in this report, naturally retarded the ordinary course of assessment. The report in question was extremely able.

The progress of announcement was satisfactory, the revised assessment being announced in 584 villages with an area of 1,040 square miles.

In addition to the above work the Tahsil Assessment Report of the Rehli and Banda tahsils was submitted during the year under report, and the Kotwar Halkabandi has been revised *pari passu* with announcement.

Mr. Corbett claims, and his claim is supported by the Deputy Commissioner, that the present revision of settlement has been accepted as fair by the tenants and as profitable by the Malguzars. Rent fixation has been extremely difficult owing to the large margins granted at last settlement, abatements during the famines and the various other causes which lead to uneven rents ; but all cases where specially large enhancements have been necessary have been carefully noted on, and the facts explained to the villagers at announcement, so that no one could go away with a feeling that he had been unfairly or carelessly treated.

Mr. Corbett speaks highly of the work of Mr. Manzur Ahmad, his senior Assistant Settlement Officer, who was in sole charge of announcement, and quite well of Messrs. Azmat Ali and Gouri Shankar, though he complains that the latter prefers to work himself instead of getting work out of his subordinates. I would add that Mr. Corbett's own work has been of the highest quality.

26. *Nagpur.*—The attestation of the district was completed during the year, the number of villages dealt with being 355 with an area of 591 square miles. These included the 20 villages constituting the suburban area round Nagpur town which caused the greatest difficulty, and could only be finally disposed of by making an Assistant Settlement Officer deal with each particular entry.

Mr. J. F. Dyer, I.C.S., Settlement Officer.
Messrs. R. K. Indurkar, Chhotelal, K. R. Rhotkar, Balwant Rao, and Abdul Khalique, Assistant Settlement Officers.

Rent-rate Reports were submitted for 574 villages with an area of 936 square miles. This work was retarded by an unfortunate mistake of a clerk who issued an incorrect table of soil rates to the contractors for the calculation of deduced rents in the Katol tahsil, which necessitated the resubmission of all the four reports for that tahsil. As a result assessment work was also retarded, but 441 villages with an area of 777 square miles were assessed during the year under report.

The work in Nagpur was distinctly difficult owing to the extreme lowness of the rents now being paid in the Umrer tahsil, which is a backward and badly cultivated tract in spite of its proximity to the Provincial Capital, and also to the lowness of the rents in the advanced Katol tahsil compared to the obvious market value of the land. The question as to the exact amount of *per saltum* enhancement which was practicable was no easy one to decide, and in the earlier stages of the discussion the real issue was somewhat obscured by divergences of opinion as to questions of settlement procedure. As a result there were considerable delays in obtaining orders on the Settlement Officer's reports, and the revised assessment was announced in only 349 villages with an area of 661 square miles.

There was a certain amount of adverse criticism in the local Press, but this turned out to have been organised by a gentleman who had no personal concern in the areas in question, but had a personal grievance against the Settlement Department concerning the preparation of the Record-of-Rights in a village of another tahsil. More important was the agitation of a large number of Nagpur Brahmans, pensioners, etc., who had either inherited or acquired holdings in the low-rented villages of the Umrer tahsil. The revised assessment had been received with equanimity by the genuine agriculturist, but these absentees, who subsist on sub-rents if they are wise, or merely lose money if they attempt to get the land cultivated through servants, were rather badly hit, and steps are now being taken to mitigate cases where hardship may perhaps have been caused.

Mr. Dyer speaks very highly of the work of Messrs. Chhotelal and Rhotkar and well of Messrs. Balwant Rao and Khalique. Mr. Dyer himself showed his usual untiring energy and driving power.

27. *Hoshangabad.*—The year's programme was successfully carried out. The attestation of the Hoshangabad and Seoni-Malwa tahsils containing 515 villages with an area of 1,080 square miles was completed, and Rent-rate Reports for 338 villages with an area of 625 square miles were submitted. Assessment Reports for 376 villages with an area of 631 square miles were also submitted.

Mr. H. C. Gowan, I.C.S., Settlement Officer.
Messrs. Chhaganlal, C. Anthony, Abdul Jabbar, Sankata Prasad, Shankernath, and Madho Rao, Assistant Settlement Officers.

I would note that the attestation of the Hoshangabad and Seoni-Malwa tahsils proved that the deterioration therein was only apparent. The Malguzars and tenants have put a large area of broken poor soil under grass, and in one or two cases large areas of first class soil have been deliberately treated in the same way. This is not due to any desire to escape assessment as in Khurai, but because it pays; one Malguzar, who kept over 150 milch buffuloes, told me he did not mind what revenue was assessed on his grass land, but he had no intention of cultivating it himself and certainly would not let it out to tenants.

The map correction of the district was completed during the year, and Mr. Gowan reports that the maps have been very satisfactory, and records his thanks to Mr. Anthony, Assistant Settlement Officer, for the good work he has done. Of the Assistant Settlement Officers on Settlement work proper, Mr. Chhaganlal did excellent work, and Mr. Abdul Jabbar maintained a high standard.

Mr. Gowan's own work was of a very high standard.

28. *Chhindwara.*—The actual field work was not so difficult as in the previous years owing to large consistent stretches of good black soil, but operations were retarded by high-standing crops, such as juar. Later in the season Mr. Irwin lost one of his best Assistants, Mr. Sinha, whose physique was not equal to the strain he placed upon it. In spite of these difficulties the programme of attestation was carried out, that of the remaining villages of the Chhindwara tahsil khalsa and the whole of the Amarwara tahsil khalsa, in all 477 villages with an area of 914 square miles, being completed by June. This is the more creditable as the budget of the Chhindwara district was cut down very heavily (by 24 per cent) by the Finance Department, and the staff was reduced in numbers, whilst those who were retained were deprived of well earned increments of pay. I trust that in the present year this may be remedied.

Mr. C. J. Irwin, I.C.S., Settlement Officer.
Messrs. A. D. Lancaster, Chunnilal, Ramanand, Ramcharan Sinha, and Panchamlal, Assistant Settlement Officers.

Office work was pushed on with great energy. Rent-rate Reports for 640 villages with an area of 1,059 square miles, and Assessment Reports for 491 villages with an area of 640 square miles were submitted during the year. It was not possible to proceed to the announcement of the revised assessments during the year under report for want of orders on the Wajib-ul-arz, or record of village customs, which is a matter of difficulty and importance in this very backward district.

The map correction of the Khalsa portion of the district was completed during the year by Mr. Lancaster, Assistant Settlement Officer. The unevenness of the ground and the absence of sub-traverse stations made this work extremely difficult, but Mr. Lancaster's great skill and experience overcame all difficulties.

In addition to the correction of the maps of the Khalsa villages the maps of 284 villages of the Jagirs were also brought up to date under the supervision of the Superintendent of Land Records and, on his transfer, of Mr. Jamaluddin, Assistant Superintendent of Land Records. The staff employed was extremely small and the country difficult, and the result is very creditable to the officers mentioned and to the two Revenue Inspectors of the Jagirs.

Mr. Irwin makes no mention of his staff, but I would bring the excellent work of Mr. Chunilal, Assistant Settlement Officer to the notice of the Local Administration and would also record my regret at the loss of Mr. Sinha, who is, I fear, permanently incapacitated owing to his devotion to duty. Mr. Sinha's abilities were of a high order, and he will be a decided loss to Government.

Mr. Irwin himself showed untiring energy and sound judgment in all he did.

29. *Balaghat.*—This was the first year of the re-settlement of the Balaghat district. There are two serious difficulties in the re-settlement of this district, namely, the correct record of irrigation facilities, and a reasonable estimate of the Malguzar's siwai income, and Mr. De has dealt with both in an extremely capable manner.

Mr. B. N. De, I.C.S., Settlement Officer.
Messrs. Muhammad Zaki, Chhotelal Verma, Vithal Atmaram, W. B. Ghate, and Sheocharanlal, Assistant Settlement Officers.

In dealing with irrigation he asked for and obtained the assistance of the Irrigation Department, who are naturally greatly interested in the accuracy of the record of irrigation from village tanks, and the thanks of this Department are due to Mr. Bahaduri for the assistance he gave. The capacity of all the village tanks was carefully calculated, and as the villagers were fully taken into the Settlement Officer's confidence in all his proceedings a record satisfactory to all parties was eventually obtained in practically all cases.

As regards siwai Mr. De not only made extremely careful local enquiries himself, but also obtained the advice of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Mr. McCrie, to whom the thanks of the Department are also due. His estimates though much above those of the last settlement, are very moderate, and to make assurance doubly sure against overassessment, large margins—sometimes as much as 50 per cent—have been granted to allow for fluctuations.

In spite of these difficulties and of the fact that this was the first year of the operations, very satisfactory progress has been made. The attestation of 453 villages with an area of 792 square miles was completed, and Rent-rate Reports for 238 villages with an area of 430 square miles, and Assessment Reports for 60 villages with an area of 93 square miles were submitted during the year.

The map correction of the district, which was under the charge of Mr. Muhammad Zaki, Assistant Settlement Officer, was practically completed during the year, though the tract dealt with is perhaps the most unhealthy in the Provinces, and it was with the utmost difficulty that the staff could be kept together in the wild jungles of the Baihar tahsil and the Zamindaris of Balaghat.

Mr. De was well supported by his staff, and Mr. Chhotelal Verma deserves special mention for his energy, resource and power of organisation. Mr. De himself has shown great ability and common sense.

II.—Correction of Maps and Records preparatory to Settlement.

30. *Seoni.*—The maps of 740 villages, with an area of 1,242 square miles, were brought up to date during the year. It has been found that some of the fair copies are unsatisfactory, but I am afraid that this was only to be expected owing to the very inferior quality of the Land Record staff and local contractors; and in spite of the revision of the district Patwari Halkabandi and the increase in the rates of pay, the Settlement Officer will probably have great difficulty in this respect throughout his operations.

The inception report for the revision of settlement was prepared by Mr. K. Hamilton, I.C.S., and has since been submitted to the Local Administration.

31. *Bhandara.*—The maps of 596 villages, with an area of 879 square miles, were brought up to date during the year. I have personally tested some of this work and found it of good quality on the whole.

The inception report for the revision of settlement was prepared by Mr. C. Brown, I.C.S., but required revision, and its submission to the Local Administration was somewhat delayed.

III.—Surveys carried out.

32. *Traverse Survey.*—The work of the Traverse Parties was under the control of Mr. C. H. G. Johnson of the Survey of India Department. During the year under report the work was far less scattered than previously, being practically confined to the Bhandara, Balaghat and Betul districts; but progress was again much impeded by the traversing of boundaries between British India and Rewah States, and between various Feudatory States and Zamindaris in Chhattisgarh. All these disputes were in wild and remote tracts and, besides entailing great hardship on the staff, kept Mr. Johnson away from his ordinary duties for inconvenient periods.

A programme for the adequate sub-traversing of the districts of the Provinces has now been made out, entailing work for some 17 seasons to come. A commencement was made in the year under report in the Raipur, Bhandara, Balaghat and Betul districts and the sub-traverse of 620 villages was completed in spite of the difficult nature of the country and want of assistance from the people. In addition to the above work the traverse of the towns of Seoni, Wardha and Kareli was carried out.

Now that a long programme of work has been prepared the staff might well be made quasi-permanent with the hope of procuring a better class of men, and securing the services of such good men as are now in service, and proposals to this effect have been submitted to the Local Administration.

IV.—Supply of Instruments and Stationery.

33. During the year the Instruments and Stationery Depôt attached to my office issued instruments and drawing materials to the value of Rs. 19,194 as detailed below:—

	Rs.
To Settlement Department	10,934
To Deputy Commissioners for use of Patwaris and Land Record work	6,514
To Feudatory States	248
Otherwise issued, including Berar	1,498
Total ...	19,194

The value of forms supplied through the Anjuman Islamia Press, Jubbulpore, amounted to Rs. 23,407 as shown below :—

	Rs.
To Settlement Department	6,515
To Deputy Commissioners for maintenance of village records.	16,892
Total ...	23,407

The Depôt also arranged, as usual, for the supply to Deputy Commissioners, through the same press, of 82,918 tenants' receipt books valued at Rs. 15,547-2-0.

V.—Work of the Office of the Settlement Commissioner.

34. I append a statement showing the principal reports which were submitted to the Hon'ble the Chief Commissioner during the year :—

Name of district.	Name of tahsil.	Forecast Reports.	Rent-rate Reports.		Assessment Report.		Tahsil Assessment Reports.	Final Settlement Reports.	Remarks.
			No. of reports.	No. of villages.	No. of reports.	No. of villages.			
	(a) *Malguzari villages.*								
Saugor.	Rehli ...	...	...	...	...	..	1	...	
	Banda ..	...	...	...	7	267	...	...	
	Saugor ...	...	9	500	9	470	...	...	
	Khurai ...	...	7	313	...	...	...	...	
Hoshangabad.	Sohagpur ...	...	6	316	6	315	...	...	
	Hoshangabad ...	...	1	53	...	...	...	...	
Chhindwara.	Chhindwara ...	...	8	543	6	364	...	...	
Nagpur.	Saoner ...	...	..	...	...	...	1	...	
	Umrer ...	...	5	283	4	242	...	..	
	Katol ...	...	*5	341	1	51	...	...	*4 were twice submitted.
Balaghat Seoni.	Balaghat ...	...	5	168	...	...	...	...	
	... ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	(b) *Ryotwari villages.*								
Saugor.	Banda ...	...	..	...	...	5	...	...	
	Saugor ...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	
Hoshangabad.	Sohagpur ...	...	1	9	1	9	...	...	
Chhindwara.	Chhindwara ...	...	...	40	...	36	...	...	
Nagpu	Umrer ...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	
	Katol ...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

H. E. HEMINGWAY,
Commissioner of Settlements and Director of Land Records,
Central Provinces.

STATEMENT I.—Showing the progress made in original Cadastral Survey and preparation of Land Records during the year ending the 30th September 1915.

District.	Field work.				Office work.				Remarks.
	Total area to be dealt with.	Disposed of previously.	Disposed of during the year.	Balance.	Total area to be dealt with.	Disposed of previously.	Disposed of during the year.	Balance.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	
Chhindwara	135,040	90,880	44,160	...	135,040	90,880	44,160	...	
Hoshangabad	46,556	...	46,556	...	46,556	...	46,556	...	
Balaghat	150,561	2,775	147,786	...	150,561	2,775	147,786	...	
Seoni	4,596	...	4,596	...	4,596	...	4,596	...	
Bhandara									
Saugor	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Nagpur									

STATEMENT II.—Showing the progress made in Map Correction during the year ending the 30th September 1915.

District.	Field work.				Office work.				Remarks.
	Total area to be dealt with.	Disposed of previously.	Disposed of during the year.	Balance.	Total area to be dealt with.	Disposed of previously.	Disposed of during the year.	Balance.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	
Saugor	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Nagpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Hoshangabad... ...	1,732,919	1,191,227	541,692	...	1,732,919	1,191,227	541,692	...	
Chhindwara	1,343,360	798,720	544,640	...	1,343,360	798,720	544,640	...	
Balaghat	1,037,997	542,942	489,353	5,702	1,037,997	271,400	766,597	...	
Seoni	790,439	...	790,439	...	790,439	...	790,439	...	
Bhandara	2,188,659	...	562,200	1,626,459	2,188,659	...	562,200	1,626,459	

STATEMENT III.—Showing the progress made in the Regular Revision of Land Revenue Assessment (Field work) during the year ending the 30th September 1915.

District.		Attestation.						Announcement.			Remarks.
		Total to be attested.	Attested in previous years.	During the year under report.			Balance to be attested by Inspectors.	Total to be announced.	Announced during the previous year.	Announced during the year under report.	
				Attested by Inspectors.	Passed by Assistant Settlement Officer.	Inspected by Settlement Officer.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Saugor ...	Area in square miles ...	3,196	3,193	3	3	61	...	1,396	915	1,040	
	Number of villages ...	2,084	2,080	4	4	41	...	2,084	686	584	
Nagpur ...	Area in square miles ...	3,296	2,705	591	591	591	...	3,296	1,116	661	
	Number of villages ...	1,943	1,588	355	355	355	...	1,943	668	349	
Hoshangabad ...	Area in square miles ...	2,701	770	1,080	1,080	1,080	851	2,701	...	...	
	Number of villages ...	1,379*	409	515	515	515	455	1,379	...	...	* Decrease is due to amalgamation.
Chhindwara ...	Area in square miles ...	2,309	643	909	914	914	757	2,309	...	...	
	Number of villages ...	1,413	493	474	477	477	446	1,413	...	...	
Balaghat ...	Area in square miles ...	1,845	....	792	792	792	1,053	1,845	...	...	
	Number of villages ...	895	..	453	453	453	442	895	...	...	

STATEMENT IV.—Showing the progress made in the Regular Revision of Land Revenue Assessment (Office work) during the year ending the 30th September 1915.

District.		Total to be assessed.	Records completed.	Records fairad and passed.	Records copied for Patwaris.	First trace made.	Second trace made.	Ryotwarl abstracts prepared.	Rent rates submitted.	Assessment Report submitted.	Balance.		Misls completed after announcement.	Sheets amended.	Remarks.
											For rent-rates.	For final assessment.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Saugor ...	Area in square miles ...	3,196	225	111	1,487	75	225	256	1,436	1,219	116	819	1,487	225	
	Number of villages ...	2,084	56	64	872	58	56	160	918	706	88	555	872	56	
Nagpur ...	Area in square miles ...	3,296	591	591	...	872	1,656	963	936	777	351	875	1,342	591	
	Number of villages ...	1,943	355	355	...	576	1,024	538	574	441	200	520	782	355	
Hoshangabad ...	Area in square miles ...	2,701	1,051	970	933	763	1,226	1,307	625	631	1,908	2,070	...	805	
	Number of villages ...	1,379*	507	486	495	406	648	642	338	376	937	1,003	...	407	*Decrease is due to amalgamation
Chhindwara ...	Area in square miles ...	2,309	914	752	...	416	...	1,095	1059	640	2,049	1,669	...	916	
	Number of villages ...	1,413	477	415	...	249	...	599	640	491	1609	922	...	478	
Balaghat ...	Area in square miles ...	1,845	792	342	...	695	12	539	430	93	1,415	1,752	...	782	
	Number of villages ...	895	453	211	...	391	11	309	238	60	657	835	...	446	

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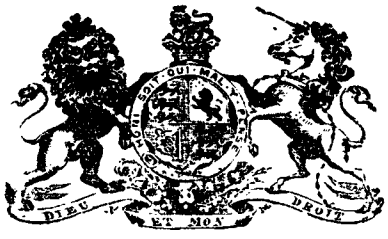

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Nagpur, the 20th April 1917.

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Report by the Financial Commissioner on the Land Revenue Administration of the Central Provinces during the year 1915-16.

Report on the operations of the Land Records and Settlement Departments in the Central Provinces during the year 1915-16.

RESOLUTION

Although in places too much moisture caused some damage to the cotton crop and lack of rain from November to January and some frost in February marred the early prospects of a bumper rabi harvest, the year as a whole was a good one. While no crop was poor, kharif was superior to rabi, but the latter almost reached the normal and gave an outturn well above that of the previous year. The area in occupation, both malguzari and ryotwari, shows a substantial rise, which is, however, much surpassed by the increase in the area under crop. These satisfactory features are well distributed over the province, every district but one showing a larger occupied area and in that one the decline is very small. Prices for produce were high, the cotton market having recovered from the slump of the previous year, and the condition of the agricultural classes was consequently prosperous. It was therefore found possible before the end of 1915 to close the operations which were started the previous year for the relief of the weaver communities, whose livelihood depends on the purchasing power of the people at large. There was no large epidemic of plague or cholera and, except in Chanda and Mandla, there was little cattle disease.

2. No suspension of revenue was anywhere necessary, but there were petty local remissions amounting only to Rs. 1,668. Though the current demand increased, owing to the revision of settlements, by nearly four and three-quarter lakhs, it was collected practically in full. Of arrears suspended from previous years three-quarters of a lakh in Saugor and Damoh, dating from the previous scarcity, was remitted, and the balance, except for trifling amounts, was realized. The Nagpur and Chhattisgarh Divisions now show no arrears at all. Arrears of one lakh of *takavi* still exist, as against four and a third lakhs in the previous year, but over fourteen and a half lakhs was recovered, including a considerable amount of advance collections. It was found necessary to remit or suspend only small sums.

3. The favourable conditions of the year are reflected in the statistics of revenue business. There were fewer applications by lambardars for the recovery of land revenue due from their co-sharers and more suits by landlords for arrears of rent, as good crops afforded a suitable opportunity for the filing of such suits. Though the pending file shows a small increase, it is satisfactory to note that the number of pending suits of long duration has declined. Good progress was made with the heavy land acquisition work, especially in Chhattisgarh, where the taking up of land for the Mahanadi and Tandula Canal systems occupied a whole-time officer. As regards Collector's cases, the Chief Commissioner observes that there has been apparently some neglect of the instructions contained in the rules that, in the case of decrees not specifically affecting land, the first point for consideration is whether it is desirable to avoid sale or not. The saving of a debtor should not be regarded as a matter of course; the appropriate action to be taken should be decided on the merits of each case.

4. In the Department of Land Records a comprehensive scheme for improving the pay of patwaris has been prepared and submitted for the orders of the Government of India, as its total cost exceeds the Chief Commissioner's powers of sanction. If it is introduced, it is hoped it will attract a better class of recruits for the patwari staff and at the same time, as under it the patwari will be graded, it will provide Deputy Commissioners with a means of enforcing discipline which at present they lack. The system of having one cadre for Superintendents of Land Records, Tahsildars and Naib-Tahsildars continues to work well and, with the proposed improvement in the pay of patwaris, should help to solve the very important problem which is discussed by the Financial Commissioner in paragraph 23 of his report. The heavy map correction operations which are at present necessary before a re-settlement is started show how far the practice in land record work still falls short of the ideal, which is that the village maps and papers should be good enough to be used, after scrutiny, as a basis of settlement. While there is little fault to be found as regards paper work, changes accumulate in twenty years even in the most settled tracts, and maps can be kept up to date only by careful annual check by the patwari, which is laborious to perform and equally laborious to supervise. The best means of improving the system so as to obviate the necessity of wholesale map-correction before re-settlement is a question which is now engaging the attention of the Administration.

5. During the year the settlements of the Saugor and Nagpur Districts were practically completed, operations continued in Hoshangabad, Chhindwara and Balaghat, and were commenced in Seoni and Bhandara, while in Betul a forecast report for the re-settlement of the district was submitted and the sanction of the Government of India received. In Saugor it is interesting to note with reference to paragraph 6 of last year's Resolution that, with the completion of the re-settlement, the area in occupation has continued to rise. In Nagpur the important question of the assessment of the suburban area, which is largely residential and non-agricultural, has been taken up and settled. In the other districts satisfactory progress has been made, despite unhealthy conditions in the Jagirs of Chhindwara and plague in Seoni. The question of the simplification of settlement procedure is still under discussion. Some measures to this end have been introduced and the Chief Commissioner hopes that the complete revision of the Settlement Code will soon be taken in hand.

6. The Chief Commissioner tenders his thanks to the Hon'ble Mr. Crump, who held charge of the office of Financial Commissioner for ten months of the year under review, especially for his work in connection with the Land Revenue Bill, which was passed in the Local Legislative Council after the close of the year, and also to the Commissioners of Divisions and the officers whose work is brought to favourable notice in the report. He records his deep regret at the tragic and untimely death of Mr. H. F. E. Bell, in whom the province lost a most promising officer.

ORDER.—ORDERED that a copy of this Resolution and its annexures be submitted to the Government of India in the Department of Revenue and Agriculture; that copies be forwarded to all Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners, the Commissioner of Settlements and Director of Land Records and Settlement Officers, and that the Resolution be published in the Supplement to the *Central Provinces Gazette.*

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Character of the season.

1. The monsoon of 1915, which broke rather late, gave ample and well distributed rain towards the end of June, and abundant rain was received in July, August and September. The rainfall continued till about the middle of October, which marked the close of the monsoon. The total rainfall recorded in the period from the 1st June 1915 to the 31st May 1916 was 49·08 inches as compared with an average of 48·35 inches for the last 48 years. The course of the season was favourable to the kharif crops and the conditions at the close of the monsoon were propitious for the rabi crops, as the late rainfall had left ample moisture in the soil. The months from November to January, however, were practically rainless. Light rain fell in the middle of February, but in the same month frost caused some injury to the standing crops in the north of the Province. The course of the rabi season as a whole was less favourable than its beginning and the hopes of an exceptional outturn were disappointed.

Crops.

2. Except that cotton suffered in some places from excessive rainfall late in the season, the kharif crops fared well throughout the Province, and the outturn was well above the average, in the north of the Province the crops being the best that have been reaped for many years. The most successful crops were transplanted and broadcast rice with outturns of 128 per cent and 1·4 per cent, respectively, of the normal and juar with an outturn of 110 per cent. The rabi crops, though less successful than the kharif, were little below the average, and the outturn was a considerable improvement on that of the previous year. For the whole Province wheat gave an outturn of 99 per cent of the normal and gram of 96 per cent. The area occupied by kharif and rabi crops during the year showed an increase of 336,816 acres and 160,097 acres, respectively, over the figures of the preceding year.

Statistics of area and rent.

3. The total area included in holdings showed an increase of 115,016 acres. This increase is well above the normal figure and was due to the general extension of cultivation, which was encouraged by the distinctly favourable agricultural conditions in the monsoon season. All districts except Wardha, where there was a small decrease (816 acres), contributed to the expansion in varying proportions. The largest individual increases occurred in Hoshangabad and Raipur; in the former district, where settlement operations are in progress, the occupied area expanded by 18,219 acres and in the latter by 14,216 acres, mostly in the Zamindari estates In the Saugor District, where an extensive area had been held back from cultivation to avoid assessment at the recent settlement, the cultivated area has risen steadily with the completion of operations, and a further increase of 13,557 acres was recorded in the year under report. The area held as *sir* land rose by 14,382 acres owing to the conferral of *sir* right in districts under settlement, the area in this right falling in other districts owing to transfers. The *khudkasht* area also increased by 33,289 acres. This expansion, which contrasts with a decline of 30,585 acres in the previous year, when the area of *sir* land rose by 44,884 acres, is accounted for generally by the breaking up of waste land by malguzars, though the recording of malguzari *bir* land as *khudkasht*, instead of as village waste, is said to have contributed to the increase in Hoshangabad and Narsinghpur. The percentage of the occupied area held by malguzars increased from 18·66 to 18·77. At the same time the area of *sir* land leased out to sub-tenants fell by 22,924 acres, or 4·61 per cent, and the average recorded sub-rent, which has risen steadily in past years, declined to Rs. 2-14-6 as compared with Rs. 3-1-4 in the previous year. The decrease in districts under settlement is attributed to the malguzars' retention of the *sir* land in their own hand through fear that tenant right might be conferred if the land was leased out, while in the Jubbulpore District, in which the decrease was most marked, and in Chhattisgarh, it is explained that the favourable season led malguzars to cultivate a larger area of their home-farm themselves. The area included in tenants' holdings showed a total increase of 74,739 acres, a little less than in the

previous year. The bulk of the increase was contributed by ordinary tenants, while the area held by absolute occupancy tenants, as usual, exhibited a small decline. The average rent paid by tenants of the various classes was Re. 0-14-3 per acre as compared with Re. 0-13-5 in 1914-15, and there is little or no change in the incidence of rent except in the districts under settlement.

Rental collections.

4. The total rental demand of the year was Rs. 1,50,34,525 as compared with Rs. 1,45,22,080 in the previous year. Having regard to the large arrears falling due for recovery from the previous unfavourable seasons, the collection on account of both the current demand and arrears was satisfactory everywhere, particularly in the Jubbulpore Division, where the collections exceeded the current demand.

Condition of the agricultural classes.

5. The good yield of the harvest as a whole, accompanied by the remunerative prices prevailing for produce, enabled the people to recover from the ill-effects of the lean period in the past, and the condition of the agricultural classes was prosperous. The liberal policy adopted in the previous year in the remission of revenue and rent demands in the tracts which suffered most severely in the scarcity of 1913-14 had relieved the cultivators of a burden, and the successful season enabled them to liquidate old debts and to meet current demands on account of rent and taccavi advances. The labouring classes benefited from the increased demand for labour for agricultural purposes as well as for the manganese mines and cotton mills, which were kept busy during the year, and they obtained high rates of wages; in several of the southern districts there were complaints of shortage of labour, and in Chhattisgarh the Irrigation Department, as in the past, had to import unskilled labour from a distance for the canal works under construction. At the same time, the return of prosperous conditions in the agricultural community restored the demand for the high class goods produced by the weavers of Nagpur and Burhanpur, whose market was seriously affected by the past depression, and it was possible before the end of 1915 to close down the operations which had been organized for their relief. Though plague and cholera appeared sporadically, there was no widespread epidemic of disease. Cattle-disease appeared in parts of several districts, but was prevalent only in Chanda, though the heavy rain in July is reported to have caused serious mortality among cattle in the Mandla District.

Landlords and tenants.

6. The relations between landlords and tenants continued to be generally satisfactory. Isolated cases of unfriendly feelings occurred and the Mandla report mentions cases of the exploitation of primitive tenants in the backward tracts by such means as defective rent receipts and unauthorised charges for grazing in the village waste. The Deputy Commissioner, Betul, referring to the question of tenants' rights of grazing, a frequent cause of disagreement, which had become pressing in that district owing to the indefiniteness of the terms of the wajib-ul-arz of the last settlement, expresses the opinion that great benefit is likely to result from the publication of a recent ruling of Mr. Stanyon, Additional Judicial Commissioner, on this subject. This decision,* which relates to an appeal from the Seoni District regarding the right of cultivators to free grazing of their cattle on the village waste as recognised by the wajib-ul-arz, lays down that the term "agricultural cattle" includes all animals required and used for agriculture, for purposes subservient to agriculture and for the domestic requirements of the tenant, having regard to the extent of his holding. A definite ruling on this point will do much to set at rest disputes regarding grazing rights, as the Civil Courts in some districts have limited the right to cattle actually used in ploughing.

Attitude of the people towards Government, Societies and Associations.

7. The Commissioners' reports show that the relations between the people and Government remained cordial. As in the previous year, calls for subscriptions for the War Relief Funds received a spontaneous and liberal response. The weekly summary of war news issued in the vernaculars as well as in English

* XII, Nagpur Law Reports, 83.

which has been published since December 1914 for the dissemination of authentic war news among the general public, is reported to have been widely circulated and appreciated and to have produced good effects. The record of the year in the Nimar District unfortunately was marred towards its close by the sudden development of religious animosities between the Hindus and Muhammadans of Burhanpur, which culminated in serious disturbances in August and necessitated the imposition of a special police force to restore order. The progress of the co-operative movement has been as fast as is consistent with healthy growth, and its sure and steady advance is a proof of public confidence in the organisation. More than one report testifies that not only has the extension of Co-operative Societies been of direct benefit to members, who were formerly exploited by the local money-lenders, but also in the tracts where the movement has obtained a secure hold it has had the indirect effect of reducing the rate of interest for the benefit of the people generally. The operations of the Agricultural Department, the advance of which is closely associated with that of the co-operative movement, cover an ever widening field by the multiplication of demonstration farms for the spread of the knowledge and use of improved methods and implements and of seed farms for the distribution of pure seed, and the reports bear witness to the remarkable results achieved in these directions. The Veterinary Department continues to grow in public confidence and utility, and it is clear that the prejudice against veterinary methods of coping with cattle-disease is dying out except in the interior of the more backward districts. The fact that the demonstrations and exhibitions held by these Departments have become a recognised feature at important fairs and public gatherings, and that their meetings are an established local institution, is an indication of the popular estimation and appreciation of their work. As an instance of public co-operation with Government, the educated classes of Chhindwara have started a District Association, the object of which is to lay before Government such grievances as may exist among the people and to explain to the uneducated majority the reasons and objects of Government measures.

8. The Divisional Reports contain an interesting account of the various methods taken for the destruction of wild animals that do damage to the crops, and for the protection of the crops. Wild pigs, which are probably the most destructive of all, are dealt with by organised pig hunts, in which professional shikaris are employed. Good success has hitherto been obtained in this way in the Hoshangabad District, where the experiment was first started, but the movement has received a slight set-back owing to the Kalbelias, who were chiefly employed in this work, having withdrawn on detection of fraudulent claims for rewards. In Chhindwara also, a case of embezzlement of the funds subscribed for rewards is reported, and it is clear that any system depending on payments of rewards requires very careful control. The system of requiring the production of a certain number of boars' tushes before the renewal of a gun license is also being tried, but several officers express great doubts whether it is of use. In the Chanda District it is believed that the tushes produced are those of village pig, while the number destroyed in any case is so small that it can have but little effect on the large herds of wild pig. The problem of the protection of crops from wild animals is one which has yet to be solved, but it will probably grow less with the extension of cultivation and the gradual disappearance of isolated blocks of scrub jungle, which afford shelter to wild animals that come down from the larger forests.

Sanads for improvements.

9. Omitting the Betul and Balaghat Districts, for which no figures have been reported, 2,481 sanads were granted for improvements compared with 322 in the previous year. This large increase is due to the grant of no less than 2,136 in the Nagpur District by the Settlement Officer at announcement of the new assessments, and this fact clearly shows that a large proportion of substantial improvements are not reported by Revenue Inspectors in accordance with the instructions in paragraph 2 of Revenue Book Circular I-9, and that the cultivators, probably through ignorance of the orders on the subject, fail to apply at the time of construction for the grant of a sanad. As, however, at Settlement all improvements are carefully checked with a view to their exemption rom assessment

under the rules, the absence of the sanad does not cause any material loss to the individual. But the great object of the sanad is to bring home to the people the fact that improvements are exempted, and it is desirable that District Officers should require Revenue Inspectors to perform their duties under the rules.

Loans.

10. The improvement in agricultural conditions led to a greatly decreased demand for loans from Government, and the advances made under the Agriculturists' Loans Act and Land Improvement Loans Act amounted to Rs. 2,71,213 and Rs. 41,645, respectively, as compared with Rs. 7,54,773 and Rs. 1,06,450 in the preceding year. The total amount due for collection within the year, including arrears and interest, was Rs. 15,45,985; of this Rs. 1,310 was remitted and Rs. 8,514 was suspended, while Rs. 14,66,498 was realised, including advance collections of Rs 37,457. The amount remaining overdue at the end of the year was Rs. 1,07,120. Considering the large sums due for recovery, these results are not unsatisfactory. The net result of the working of the year was a profit to Government of Rs. 85,098.

Land revenue collections.

11. The total demand on account of land revenue on the roll rose from Rs. 1,01,17,402 on the 1st October 1915 to Rs. 1,05,85,500 on the 1st October 1916. This increase was mainly due to the revision of settlement in the Saugor, Hoshangabad, Chhindwara, Nagpur and Balaghat Districts. Remissions amounting to Rs. 1,668 were granted, but no suspensions were necessary, and the net amount due for collection on account of the current demand was Rs. 1,05,00,453, which was realised practically in full. The demand on account of arrears was Rs. 2,64,082, and of this Rs. 75,189, representing old arrears suspended in the Saugor and Damoh Districts in the previous scarcity, was remitted. Of the remainder Rs. 1,83,629 was collected, leaving only Rs. 5,183 suspended and Rs. 81 overdue. The entire arrears in the Nagpur and Chhattisgarh Divisions were collected. As regards land revenue not on the roll and miscellaneous revenue, there is little that calls for remark. The greater part of the increase under the latter head is contributed by the Nagpur Division and is mainly due to larger receipts from mining consequent on the increased output during the year and from the sale of malik-sarkar plots in the Wardha District. As was to be expected in a favourable year, the revenue was collected without any great amount of pressure, and the number of coercive processes issued showed a large decrease on the previous year, though it substantially exceeds the figures for 1913-14. The Jubbulpore Division, in which the stress of the past scarcity was felt most severely, accounted for the largest share of processes issued.

Ryotwari estates.

12. The total area included in occupied survey numbers shows a rise of 12,471 acres, half of which was contributed by the Mandla District. The allotment of waste land on ryotwari tenure proceeded steadily, and the excess in the area given out over that relinquished was about 21,000 acres, which is well above the average of the past five years. The area still available for allotment at the end of the year was 232,857 acres, but the quality of the land involved is indicated by the fact that the average assessment on it works out to no more than Re. 0-3-1 per acre. The Deputy Commissioner, Chanda, observes that the land revenue being light, survey numbers are sometimes taken merely with the object of obtaining grazing and nistar rights in the ryotwari forest and measures were taken to discourage undesirable holders. Steady progress is reported in the improvement of the more important estates. The allotted grants were chiefly spent in meeting the first need of the newly settled villages for a pure water-supply by the construction of wells, while, in addition to this, in the Mandla District communications were improved by the construction of new roads and a dispensary was opened in one of the ryotwari villages in Nimar.

Alienation of land.

13. The number of transfers of proprietary rights, whether by private sale or by order of the Court, and the area of land affected show a decrease as compared with the previous year. The average price obtained in private sales was rather better than in the preceding year, while

the price in sales by the Court declined. In the Nerbudda Division the price was lower in both classes of sales, particularly in sales by order of the Court, but the prices obtained, as the reports remark, are governed by the special circumstances of each case and are no index of the comparative demand for or of the value of land in the absence of information as to incumbrances on the property sold. It is satisfactory that the majority of the transfers were in favour of agriculturists.

Partitions.

14. The partition cases instituted during the year numbered 259 as compared with 284 in the previous year, the number of institutions decreasing in all divisions except Nagpur. The marked decrease in the Bhandara District was due to the fact that partition proceedings were in abeyance owing to the inception of settlement; and institutions have fallen rapidly in the last three years in the Bilaspur District, where a large number of applications were filed in the first few years after the close of settlement. Fair progress was made in the disposal of cases in most districts and the pending file was reduced from 190 to 147. The number of partitions actually carried out, however, fell from 194 to 120 and the area affected from 198,076 acres to 138,906 acres.

Cases under the special provisions of the Land Revenue and Tenancy Acts.

15. As a result of the improved agricultural conditions, the number of applications by lambardars for the recovery of arrears of revenue decreased. At the same time applications for the execution of decrees by the ejectment of tenants increased by 417 in the Jubbulpore and Nerbudda Divisions, where malguzars took the opportunity afforded by good crops to recover arrears or in the case of heavily indebted tenants sought to gain possession of their holdings in default of payment of the large arrears accruing from the past scarcity. The Deputy Commissioner, Narsinghpur, comments on the tendency of malguzars to apply immediately for ejectment, instead of attempting to realise arrears by attachment of tenants' holdings, and observes that, in spite of two admittedly bad harvests, no use was made of the provisions of Section 86 of the Tenancy Act, while Revenue officers do not regard it as their business to make enquiries with a view to the application of this section; the Commissioner, Nerbudda Division, suggests that circular orders might be issued defining the Revenue Courts' responsibility in this matter. The provisions of Section 86 of the Tenancy Act can only be applied when the tenant in answer to the suit pleads that his crops have suffered, and the Civil Court trying the suit could not raise this plea for him. The only case in which the judge would be justified in taking action of his own motion is that dealt with in clause (4) of the section, namely, where he knew that the revenue of the village had been suspended wholly or in part. I do not therefore think that any circular orders are desirable, but the whole question of the ejectment of tenants for arrears will no doubt receive consideration when the Tenancy Act is taken up for revision. Applications by tenants to deposit rent showed little change, except in the Raipur and Hoshangabad Districts, where they increased appreciably, and the number of applications by tenants for the imposition of penalties on landlords for irregularities connected with the payment of rent remained at the normal level. Applications to transfer *sir* land were more numerous, but less than half the applications were entertained. In applications by landlords under Section 65 (2) of the Tenancy Act for the ejectment of tenants in default of agreeing to enhancement, the number of cases (73) instituted in the Nagpur District is noticeable, but the matter is not referred to in the report. The paucity of applications for the conferment of occupancy rights is explained by the fact that it is the practice for malguzars to let out land in this right on payment of substantial nazarana without reference to the Courts, and it is reported that the nazarana so obtained in the Nerbudda Division during the year varied from 19 to 51 times the rent of the holding. It is noticeable that, though 14 applications were made by sub-tenants to be declared to have the rights of ordinary tenants, in no case was a declaration made.

Rent suits.

16. The number of suits by landlords for arrears of rent again showed a considerable increase, amounting to 22 per cent, to which all districts except Nagpur contributed. This result is no

doubt attributable to the large arrears payable during the year and to the favourable opportunity for recovering them afforded by the successful season. The report for the Bhandara District, which shows a considerable increase in rent suits, mentions that a few large land-owners in that district had allowed rents to fall into arrears, thinking that they could collect them most expeditiously and advantageously through the Courts. The number of decrees actually executed by sale of distrained produce in the Nagpur and Hoshangabad Districts, which totalled 286 and 98, respectively, is noticeably above the average.

Land acquisition.

17. The volume of land acquisition work showed no diminution and was again particularly heavy in the Chhattisgarh Division, where the acquisition of land in connection with the Mahanadi and Tandula canal systems continued. The special officer in the Raipur District awarded compensation over 207 miles of distributaries, in addition to settling a large number of crossings, and satisfactory progress appears to have been made in the disposal of land acquisition cases in all districts, so far as the proceedings of the Revenue Courts are concerned. The Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division, mentions that in the Raipur District 70 cases of unauthorised occupation of land by the Irrigation Department were brought to notice. Only one case is mentioned in the reports in which the compensation awarded was refused and a suit was filed in the Civil Court.

Collectors' cases.

18. The number of cases in which sale was ordered by Civil Courts rose by 303, an increase which was evenly distributed over all divisions, and the number of cases for disposal was 474 more than in the previous year. As might have been expected in view of the favourable season, the number of cases in which sale was averted by payment of the claim or temporary alienation of the property rose by 226; but on the other hand the cases in which sales actually took place increased by 197. The average price realised showed a slight advance on last year's level, but the variations in the figures from district to district and from year to year in the same district are unaccountable without reference to the local conditions in each case. Though disposals showed a considerable improvement during the year, there was no diminution of the pending file owing to the larger number of cases before the Courts. Proceedings in these cases are no doubt sometimes unnecessarily prolonged owing to the fact that, as the Deputy Commissioner, Chanda, observes, Revenue officers are impressed with the idea that they must in every case make an attempt to prevent sale and waste time trying to save a judgment debtor, whom there is no object in saving or who is too hopelessly involved to be saved. Instructions have been issued in the Nagpur Division that the first point for consideration in these cases is whether it is desirable to attempt to avoid sale, and this rule might with advantage be impressed on all officers who deal with this class of case.

General revenue business.

19. The total number of cases instituted shows a net decline of 918 as compared with the previous year's figures, and all divisions except Nagpur shared in the fall. It is, however, difficult to make any general deduction from these figures, for in contrast with a decrease of 2,823 cases in the Nerbudda Division, which is attributed in part to the progress of settlement operations, institutions in the Nagpur Division increased by 3,383 cases, the Nagpur District alone contributing 2,691. Despite the decrease in the number of cases for disposal the pending file increased altogether by 241 cases, the increase in the Nerbudda and Nagpur Divisions more than counterbalancing the decrease in the other two divisions, but there was an improvement in the number of cases pending longer than nine months. In the Nagpur District, though the pending file increased with the large volume of institutions, 2,489 more cases were disposed of than in the previous year, and the credit for this acceleration of business is no doubt due largely to the procedure enjoined on the Tahsil staffs of taking up as many cases as possible on the spot. Though no alteration in the system of registration is mentioned, there was a considerable decrease in the volume of revenue correspondence registered as compared with the previous year, but the number of receipts remained largely in excess of the figure for 1913-14.

Lambardars, mukaddams and kotwars.

20. The reports indicate that the lambardari system continued to work satisfactorily and in only one or two cases had estates to be taken under management for the recovery of arrears of land revenue. Little friction appears to have occurred between lambardars and co-sharers, except in the Bilaspur District, where quarrels occur over the right to collect rents. The work of mukaddams also was generally satisfactory; there were, as usual, exceptions, but the offences noticed were mostly of a minor character, which were dealt with by a fine or a warning. The punishment roll of kotwars was rather a heavy one and included the dismissal of two kotwars in Damoh for unsatisfactory conduct in connection with the epidemic of dacoities in that district in 1915, while several kotwars in the Raipur District were suspected of being in league with criminals: on the other hand, rewards were granted in a number of cases for assistance in the detection of offences. In Nimar and the districts of the Nagpur Division, the kotwars still harbour a grievance regarding the decision that they are not entitled to the hides of cattle dying in their villages, as a result of which this perquisite has been omitted from the kotwars' remuneration in the wajib-ul-arz drawn up at recent revisions of settlement. Enquiries made in Nimar, however, proved in nearly all cases that the remuneration of the kotwars who had applied for an enhancement of their dues on the ground of the discontinuance of this perquisite, was still not below the standard minimum, after allowing for the loss of income from this source. There were, as usual, numerous applications by kotwars for the recovery of their dues, and as the Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division, observes, it is an unsatisfactory feature of the case that these dues are generally owed by the malguzars. In Nimar the Deputy Commissioner reports that such applications are on the decrease owing to the attention given to the matter by officers on tour, and there would be fewer complaints on this score, if Tahsildars and their Naibs, when in camp, took the opportunity of ascertaining whether the village officers in the places they visit are receiving their dues regularly.

Tours and inspections.

21. The amount of touring and inspection performed by the several classes of officers appears generally to have been adequate. The reports which touch on this subject indicate that proper attention is being paid to the standing orders laid down by the Administration for the regulation of tours and camping.

Financial Commissioner.

22. The office of Financial Commissioner was held by me throughout the year, except for the period from the 25th April to the 25th June, during which I was on privilege leave and the Hon'ble Mr. Walker officiated in the post. The number of appeals disposed of was 80, of which 16 were successful. 52 applications for revision were dealt with, and the orders of the Lower Court were set aside in five cases. The number of applications for sanction to the transfer of *sir* land on which orders were passed was 252.

Land Records.

23. The report of the Director of Land Records shows that the work of the various grades of the staff was satisfactory and that the annual papers were generally filed punctually, and circle and village note-books were written up to date. The revision of patwari halkabandis continued, and revised halkabandis were brought into force in the Seoni, Nimar, Chhindwara and Betul Districts; a scheme for the improvement of the pay of patwaris on a graded system has been submitted to the Government of India. Though the amount of check of Land Records exercised by the Tahsil staffs was adequate in the majority of districts, the Director mentions a number of exceptions, in which there has been a falling off or a failure to improve in this respect; at the same time he urges the desirability of the Assistants on the District staffs directing more attention to this branch of work while on tour. The most serious defect in Land Records work is in connection with the maintenance of the maps. Under standing orders, the patwari is required to bring the changes in boundaries of fields on to his village map as each change occurs, but the fact that at every settlement there has to be a special staff employed to bring the maps up to date shows that this important duty of the patwari is

not performed. Map correction is a branch of the patwari's work which cannot be checked by returns, and Tahsildars and the Sub-divisional Officers are not competent to check it, without detriment to their other work. The question of the maintenance of maps in order to avoid the expense and trouble of a re-survey at each settlement is a matter requiring the attention of the Director of Land Records. The reforms introduced during the year, by which the monthly progress returns and other periodical reports of patwaris are now submitted to the Sub-divisional Officers and the latter have been invested with a large measure of disciplinary powers over patwaris, should lead to their exercising better and closer supervision over Land Records work in their sub-divisions. As a result of the amalgamation of the superior Land Records staff with the Subordinate Civil Service, twelve posts of Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent of Land Records were filled from among Tahsildars and Naib-Tahsildars and this interchange of officers between the two branches should secure more efficient co-operation of Tahsil officers in the check of Land Records. The punishment roll of patwaris shows some improvement as compared with the previous year, while the number of Revenue Inspectors punished increased slightly, but none was dismissed. The check of village papers by Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents of Land Records is reported to have improved in the direction of their devoting attention chiefly to re-testing entries checked by Revenue Inspectors rather than to testing unchecked numbers. The Director, however, observes that these officers are too frequently content, in cases where they discover minor faults in the work of the field staff which are not such as to require special report or punishment, to record comments in their diaries and to let matters rest there, instead of taking steps to secure better results in the future. If the standard of the work of the field staff is to be improved, it is important that faulty methods, whenever discovered, should be corrected and District Officers should see that the superior Land Records staff pay proper attention to the subject.

Settlements.

24. Operations for the revision of settlement were in progress in the Saugor, Nagpur, Hoshangabad, Chhindwara, Balaghat, Seoni and Bhandara Districts. A Forecast Report was submitted for the re-settlement of the Betul District and the sanction of the Government of India to the inception of settlement was received at the close of the year. The operations in Nagpur were completed during the year and the work in Saugor was concluded shortly after its close. In the Hoshangabad and Balaghat Districts attestation work was finished and announcement was carried on. Excellent progress was made in Chhindwara, although the staff suffered from the unhealthiness of the tract in which they were working, and attestation was completed except in a few jagirdari villages, which had to be left over owing to the early break of the rains. Orders for the revision of settlement in the Seoni and Bhandara Districts were received late in November and in January, respectively, and the staff had to be trained in local conditions, while at Seoni a severe outbreak of plague hampered operations. Map correction was in progress in both these districts and in Betul.

Notice of officers.

25. The Commissioners acknowledge the good work done by their Deputy Commissioners during the year under report. The Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division, records the grievous loss sustained by the Administration in the death of Mr. Bell, Deputy Commissioner, Bilaspur, one of the best Revenue Officers of the Province. In the district reports the work of many officers is favourably noticed and the following officers may be specially mentioned :—

Assistant Commissioners.

Jubbulpore Division ...	Mr. G. V. Bewoor. „ K. G. Digby.
Nerbudda Division ...	Mr. A. L. Hoyle.
Nagpur Division ...	Mr. A. Macleod. „ H. G. Gruer. „ F. L. Grille.
Chhattisgarh Division ...	Mr. C. F. Waterfall. „ P. M. Baker.

Extra-Assistant Commissioners.

Jubbulpore Division	...	Rai Bahadur Hira Lal. Khan Bahadur Elijah Jacob.
Nerbudda Division	...	Khan Sahib Ishtiaq' Ali. Mr. K. P. Verma. „ W. A. Tucker. Khan Sahib Wali Muhammad. Thakur Umrao Singh. Mr. Gokul Prasad Verma. „ K. B. Lall. „ Ramanuj Prashad.
Nagpur Division	...	Mr. W. G. Slaney. „ R S. Thakur. „ H. L. Verma. Rai Bahadur Panda Baijnath. Mr. Izzuddin Ahmad. „ Mir Anwar Ali. „ Hazari Lal. „ B. A Smellie.
Chhattisgarh Division	...	Rao Sahib Sitaram Pandit. Mr. S. Atmaram. „ Siraj Ahmad „ K. E. J. Sanjana.

Tahsildars.

Jubbulpore Division	...	Channulal. Alai Mustafa. Jagannath Prasad. Abdur Rahim Khan.
Nerbudda Division	...	K. G. Khapre. Shamsul Husain. Sankata Prasad. K. R. Chandorkar. Chandra Bushanlal. Vinayak Anant Pardhi. Abdul Hamid.
Nagpur Division	...	Nanhu Ram Singh. G. R. Deoskar. Tahsin Ali Khan. N. T. Sathe. N. P. Dashasahasra. D. M. Barwe.
Chhattisgarh Division	...	Muhammad Hamid. Maqbul Husain. Mohan Lal. Abdul Wahid Khan. Muhammad Zaki.

H. A. CRUMP,
Financial Commissioner,
Central Provinces and Berar.

The 23rd March 1917.

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Loans made under the Land Improvement Loans Act and Agriculturists' Loans Act.

I.—*Account of Local Government with Government of India for Central Provinces during the Revenue year ending the 30th September 1916.*

Amount advanced to Local Government by Government of India.			Interest payable for the year by the Local Government to the Government of India at 3½ per cent on mean outstanding.
Outstanding at the commencement of the year.	Outstanding at the close of the year.	Mean outstanding.	
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
24,80,526	14,67,161	19,73,844	69,084

II.—*Account of Local Government with Agriculturist borrowers.*

—		Land Improvement Loans Act.	Agriculturists' Loans Act.	Total both Acts.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Principal	Outstanding at the commencement of the year	12,01,428	12,67,336	24,68,764
	Advanced during the year	41,645	2,71,213	3,12,858
	Total advanced...	12,43,073	15,38,549	27,81,622
	Amount due for collection within the year (including arrears)	3,45,928	10,28,637	13,74,565
	Remitted during the year	(a) 1,726	26	(a) 1,752
	Collected during the year	(b) 3,31,827	(b) 9,76,715	(b) 13,08,542
	Total remitted and collected	3,33,553	9,76,741	13,10,294
	Balance outstanding at the end of the year	9,09,520	5,61,808	14,71,328
	Amount suspended by competent authority	3,911	39,082	42,993
	Amount overdue	27,103	67,240	94,343
Interest	Arrears of interest suspended and overdue at the commencement of the year	15,351	21,001	36,352
	Interest falling due within the year	73,649	61,419	1,35,068
	Total interest for collection within the year	89,000	82,420	1,71,420
	Remitted during the year	87	38	125
	Collected during the year	81,578	76,378	1,57,956
	Total remitted and collected	81,665	76,416	1,58,081
	Suspended by competent authority	140	422	562
	Arrears of interest overdue at the end of the year	7,195	5,582	12,777
Total Principal and Interest.	Remitted during the year	1,813	64	1,877
	Collected during the year	4,13,405	10,53,093	14,66,498
	Under suspension at the end of the year	4,051	39,504	43,555
	Overdue at the end of the year	34,298	72,822	1,07,120

III.—*Financial results of Loan Operations to Local Government for the Revenue year ending the 30th September 1916.*

—	Land Improvement Loans Act.	Agriculturists' Loans Act.	Total both Acts.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Interest payable for the year by the Local Government to the Government of India.	36,898	32,186	69,084
2. Interest collected during the year	81,356	76,497	1,57,853
3. Balance of interest accruing to Local Government, *i. e.*, difference between (1) and (2).	44,458	44,311	88,769
4. Remissions of principal during the year	3,645	26	3,671
5. Net result (profit or loss) for the year 1915-16	+40,813	+44,285	+85,098
6. Net result for previous years 1914-15	+26,404	+27,417	+53,821
1913-14	—7,690	—22,679	—30,369
1912-13	+23,539	+4,578	+28,117
1911-12	+14,382	+12,404	+26,786
1910-11	+51,748	+15,153	+66,901
7. Expenditure on free grants-in-aid towards the construction of private protective works or on establishments for well-boring or other outlay incurred from current revenue in connection with takavi transactions.	*Nil.*	*Nil.*	*Nil.*

NOTE.—The differences between the Comptroller's figures and the departmental figures are due to the fact that the Commissioner's accounts are made up to 30th September and the Comptroller's accounts to 31st March, the differences being reconciled by the end of financial year.

(*a*) Includes Rs. 567 remitted on account of principal not yet fallen due.

(*b*) Includes advance collections on account of principal not yet fallen due—

	Rs.
Land Improvement Loans Act ...	14,414
Agriculturists' Loans Act ...	23,043
Total ...	37,457

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STATISTICAL TABLES.

STATEMENT A—Showing the area held by the several classes of Landlords and Tenants and also the

(1).—DETAILS OF

District.	Total area included in holdings.	Land held by Malguzars.			Land held by
		Area held as sir.	Area cultivated other than sir.	Percentage of occupied area held by malguzars.	Number of holdings.
1	2	3	4	5	6
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.		
Saugor	1,224,351	146,909	77,908	18·36	3,953
Damoh	734,739	96,345	43,023	18·47	3,609
Jubbulpore	1,449,284	158,891	86,763	16·95	10,892
Mandla	877,683	38,741	42,376	9·17	321
Seoni	982,894	130,869	99,950	23·48	477
Total Jubbulpore Division ...	5,288,951	571,155	350,020	17·42	19,252
Narsinghpur	743,973	82,579	53,133	18·24	1,016
Hoshangabad ... Khalsa ...	1,199,607	191,328	82,551	22·83	1,017
Jagir ...	8,636	773	115	10·28	...
Nimar	792,582	59,144	25,363	10·66	14,969
Betul	1,089,618	60,959	53,241	10·40	400
Chhindwara ... Khalsa ...	983 914	137,761	84,205	22·56	447
Jagir ...	271,465	13,273	9,326	8·32	...
Total Nerbudda Division ...	5,089,795	544,917	307,934	16 76	17,849
Wardha ...	1,182,530	156,804	84,459	20·40	4,532
Nagpur	1,627,408	206,077	67,432	16·44	9,949
Chanda ... Khalsa ...	980,008	77,512	39.905	11·09	5,714
Zamindari ...	139,010	8,820	5.452	10·26	96
Bhandara ... Khalsa ...	780,563	115.963	43,330	20·41	5,620
Zamindari ...	346,159	45,050	18,479	18·35	538
Balaghat ... Khalsa ...	351,008	56,304	17,959	21·16	805
Zamindari ...	127,629	18,254	4,414	17·76	59
Total Nagpur Division ...	5,534,315	684,784	281,430	17·46	27,313
Raipur ... Khalsa ...	1,598,631	208,328	195,465	25·25	1,836
Zamindari ...	947,495	93,436	60,100	16·20	14
Bilaspur ... Khalsa ...	1,304,044	174,909	127,368	23·17	5,720
Zamindari ...	655,086	68,471	29,740	14·99	67
Drug ... Khalsa ...	1,303,564	236,680	150,209	29·68	1,518
Zamindari ...	461,027	51,811	29,212	17·57	194
Total Chhattisgarh Division ...	6,269,847	833,635	592,094	22·73	9 349
GRAND TOTAL .	22,182,908	2,634,491	1,531,478	18·77	73,763
For preceding year ...	22,067,892	2,620,109	1,498,189	18·66	72,707

Rental in each District of the Central Provinces during the Agricultural year ending the 31st May 1916.

PROPRIETORS.

Malik-makbuzas.		Land held completely or partially revenue free.				Total area held by proprietors, *i.e.*, total of columns 3, 4, 7 and 10.	Remarks.
Area.	Revenue assessed.	Number of holdings.	Area.	Revenue assigned (not for realization)	Revenue demanded (for realization).		
7	8	9	10	11	11 (*a*)	12	13
Acres.	Rs.		Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Acres.	
42,641	51,086	740	8,044	9,014	45	275,502	
31,081	29,550	115	1,945	2,421	...	172,394	
56,068	64,814	632	3,617	7,366	661	305,339	
3,073	1,525	23	34	15	...	83,624	
7,769	4,015	3	64	38	17	238,652	
140,632	1,50,990	1,513	13,704	18,854	723	1,075,511	
16,648	20,201	133	1,939	1,937	611	154,299	
25,397	23,828	101	1,115	727	11	300,391	
...	...	...	...	...	...	888	
175,862	2,46,650	1,187	21,592	39,426	1,756	281,961	
6,582	5,539	113	2,749	584	1,107	122,631	
5,391	3,590	209	2,110	856	640	229,467	
...	...	...	...	...	...	22,599	
229,880	2,99,808	1,743	29,505	43,530	4,1 25	1,112,236	
51,180	77,145	397	5,613	10,551	91	298,056	
108,007	2,00,610	486	8,775	16,596	256	390,291	
74,424	43,314	445	8,176	3,704	1,339	200,017	
2,650	1,261	...	...	...	...	16,922	
56,782	55,057	51	560	542	76	216,635	
7,926	6 496	...	...	...	...	71.455	
11,004	11,723	...	...	...	...	85,267	
1,553	1,147	...	...	...	...	24,221	
313,526	3,96,753	1,379	23,124	31,393	1,762	1,302,864	
6,004	3,948	23	655	505	...	410,452	
103	16	...	...	...	...	153,639	
28,187	21,383	7	168	...	...	330,632	
839	521	...	...	...	...	99,050	
7,715	4,990	16	124	82	...	394,728	
7,266	1,865	...	...	...	...	88,289	
50,114	32,723	46	947	587	...	1,476,790	
734,152	8,80,274	4,681	67,280	94,360	6,610	4,967,401	
734,581	8,31,334	4,904	68,388	90,336	6,737	4,921,267	

STATEMENT A—Showing the area held by the several classes of Landlords
Agricultural year ending

2.—DETAILS

District.	Land held by Absolute occupancy Tenants.				Land held by Occupancy Tenants.				Land held in Ordinary Tenants right by Tenants of other classes.		
	Number of holdings.	Area.	Rent.	Incidence per acre.	Number of holdings.	Area.	Rent.	Incidence per acre.	Area.	Rent.	Incidence per acre.
1	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Acres.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.		Acres.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs a. p.
Saugor	18,886	154,603	2,31,299	1 7 11	31,471	224,911	3,97,225	1 5 2	147,058	1,62,573	1 1 8
Damoh	18,421	113,725	1,43,938	1 4 3	22,237	120,459	1,40,913	1 2 9	88,614	94,784	1 1 1
Jubbulpore	27.358	195,189	3,19,956	1 10 3	47,053	268,014	3,76,410	1 6 5	203,876	1,95,391	0 15 4
Mandla	1,294	11,039	10,323	0 15 0	5,122	62,880	40,370	0 10 3	81,634	29,685	0 5 10
Seoni	2,872	41,314	32,454	0 12 7	11,669	152,536	1,06,454	0 11 2	103,160	57,637	0 8 11
Total Jubbulpore Division ...	68,831	515,870	7,37,970	1 6 11	117,552	828,800	9,61,372	1 2 7	624,342	5,40,070	0 13 10
Narsinghpur	12,087	138,596	2,34,576	1 11 1	22,213	165,324	2,73,995	1 10 6	64,201	1,10,002	1 11 5
Hoshangabad Khalsa ...	16,838	275,382	3,74,360	1 5 9	26,487	307,541	3,96,298	1 4 7	83,473	98,594	1 2 11
Hoshangabad Jagir ...	...	...	...	...	201	2,396	1,679	0 11 3	436	302	0 11 1
Nimar	471	5,562	5,739	1 0 6	36,905	492,270	3,95,558	0 12 10	...	...	...
Betul	10,085	156,680	1,00,543	0 10 3	24,464	343,130	1,48,625	0 6 11	96,440	32,226	0 5 4
Chhindwara Khalsa ...	9,998	101,061	1,19,374	1 2 11	28,772	265,533	1,84,700	0 11 2	128,363	51,666	0 6 5
Chhindwara Jagir ...	...	...	...	...	2,563	67,821	16,512	0 3 11	24,332	6,176	0 4 1
Total Nerbudda Division ...	49,479	677,281	8,34,592	1 3 9	141,605	1,644,015	14,17,367	0 13 9	397,245	2,98,966	0 12 0
Wardha	10,686	157,333	2,16,504	1 6 0	26,424	411,680	4,92,188	1 3 2	64,246	65,228	1 0 3
Nagpur	20,014	249,285	4,28,368	1 11 6	38,157	553,967	7,47,633	1 5 7	88,463	95,087	1 1 2
Chanda Khalsa ...	9,629	112,751	74,769	0 10 7	66,369	648,545	4,15,084	0 10 3	36	55	1 8 5
Chanda Zamindari ...	217	2,018	1,001	0 7 11	13,031	116,263	38,422	0 5 3	...	...	...
Bhandara Khalsa ...	9,479	87,579	93,061	1 1 0	27,900	235,404	2,38,423	1 0 2	56,933	50,353	0 14 2
Bhandara Zamindari ...	2,367	24,523	23,783	0 15 6	9,548	82,981	81,195	0 15 8	28,103	23,252	0 13 3
Balaghat Khalsa ...	3,583	29,763	40,824	1 5 11	12,056	79,861	1,01,208	1 4 3	27,491	30,335	1 1 8
Balaghat Zamindari ...	820	7,795	7,882	1 0 2	4,247	33,490	38,234	1 2 3	9,913	10,684	1 1 3
Total Nagpur Division ...	56,795	671,047	8,86,192	1 5 2	197,732	2,162,191	21,52,387	0 15 11	275,185	2,74,994	1 0 0
Raipur Khalsa ...	17,311	141,507	1,25,560	0 14 2	46,072	371,874	3,24,399	0 13 11	165,733	1,30,470	0 12 7
Raipur Zamindari ...	...	...	...	...	17,766	240,099	60,057	0 4 0	25,204	8,121	0 5 1
Bilaspur Khalsa ...	18,172	81,547	68,964	0 13 6	73,433	369,229	2,36,730	0 10 3	158,192	1,20,601	0 12 2
Bilaspur Zamindari ...	...	...	...	..	10,682	99,066	59,179	0 9 7	50,428	20,871	0 6 7
Drug Khalsa ...	16,289	148,226	1,30,268	0 14 1	32,855	318,116	2,78,923	0 14 0	121,743	1,01,771	0 13 4
Drug Zamindari ...	91	2,081	735	0 5 8	12,008	189,261	66,841	0 5 8	19,717	12,735	0 10 4
Total Chhattisgarh Division ...	51,863	373,361	3,25,527	0 13 11	192,816	1,587,645	10,26,129	0 10 4	541,017	3,94,569	0 11 8
GRAND TOTAL ...	226,968	2,237,559	27,84,281	1 3 11	649,705	6,222,651	55,57,255	0 14 3	1,837,789	15,08,599	0 13 1
For preceding year ..	226,123	2,245,134	26,61,799	1 3 0	638,498	6,210,226	53,60,206	0 13 10	1,827,615	14,51,248	0 12 8

and Tenants and also the Rental in each District of the Central Provinces during the the 31st May 1916.—(Concld.)

OF TENANTS.

Land held by Ordinary Tenants.				Total of tenant area, *i.e.*, total of columns 15, 19, 22 and 26.	Total rental, *i.e.*, columns 16, 20, 23 and 27.	Incidence per acre.	Rents actually collected.		Land held rent-free.		Land held by Sub-tenants of Sir land.		
Number of holdings.	Area.	Rent.	Incidence per acre.				On account of current year.	On account of previous year.	Area held as grant from proprietors.	Area held in lieu of service.	Number.	Area.	Rent demand.
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38
	Acres.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.	Rs.	Rs.	Acres.	Acres.		Acres.	Rs.
57,517	393,971	5,08,250	1 4 8	920,543	11,99,347	1 4 10	9,70,930	2,09,042	18,460	9,846	5,672	26,842	52,743
41,589	246,931	3,11,468	1 4 2	569,729	6,91,103	1 3 5	5,71,348	2,12,332	8,354	4,262	3,674	20,934	62,389
103,294	466,272	5,29,984	1 2 2	1,133,351	14,21,741	1 4 1	12,03,549	4,53,171	...	10,594	10,006	31,030	1,05,033
50,141	627,726	2,31,068	0 5 11	783,279	3,11,446	0 6 4	2,57,091	74,628	4,307	6,473	1,794	6,550	5,177
44,835	438,615	2,89,144	0 10 7	735,625	4,85,689	0 10 7	Figures not available.		5,823	2,794	5,594	28,655	28,432
297,376	2,173,515	18,69,914	0 13 9	4,142,527	41,09,326	0 15 10	30,02,918	9,49,173	36,944	33,969	26,740	114,011	2,53,774
25,896	204,196	3,52,862	1 11 8	572,317	9,71,435	1 11 2	7,13,884	2,66,383	8,245	9,112	3,693	30,458	1,43,731
25,690	226,415	2,62,303	1 2 6	892,811	11,31,555	1 4 3	8,44,561	1,97,136	210	6,195	3,610	39,123	1,13,457
834	4,832	2,747	0 9 1	7,664	4,728	0 9 10	3,727	937	...	84	21	142	179
8	189	760	4 0 4	498,021	4,02,057	0 12 11	3,35,000	80,302	4,135	8,465	1,047	13,281	38,654
33,868	357,331	1,12,411	0 5 11	953,581	4,13,805	0 6 11	3,39,461	29,672	3,234	10,172	1,951	14,851	31,562
39,136	253,770	1,18,880	0 7 6	748,727	4,74,620	0 10 2	Figures not available.		4,731	989	1,684	9,671	14,709
10,897	150,421	49,352	0 5 3	242,574	72,040	0 4 9			5,059	1,233	400	2,950	1,112
136,329	1,197,154	9,19,315	0 12 3	3,915,695	34,70,240	0 14 2	22,36,633	5,74,430	25,614	36,250	12,406	110,476	3,43,403
17,311	245,882	2,47,654	1 0 1	879,141	10,21,574	1 2 7	9,05,721	1,38,801	4,348	985	2,677	41,500	2,37,739
25,189	329,128	3,29,590	1 0 0	1,220,843	16,00,678	1 5 0	13,89,486	1,63,526	...	16,274	2,941	43,256	2,59,945
98	559	602	1 1 3	761,891	4,90,510	0 10 4	4,88,089	29,354	11,475	6,625	3,687	22,740	77,762
...	...	...	...	118,281	39,423	0 5 4	38,814	1,106	1,205	2,602	383	1,971	2,318
28,003	180,523	1,75,517	0 15 7	560,439	5,57,354	0 15 11	5,48,626	43,310	2,483	1,006	2,601	21,977	80,294
17,286	136,917	1,04,263	0 12 2	272,524	2,32,493	0 13 8	1,78,251	32,380	1,511	669	718	8,974	40,476
25,420	127,351	1,36,244	1 1 1	264,466	3,08,611	1 2 8	2,97,612	9,320	991	284	3,376	11,037	9,452
7,878	51,335	43,211	0 13 6	102,533	1,00,011	0 15 0	98,752	815	827	48	470	2,135	3,768
121,185	1,071,695	10,37,081	0 15 6	4,180,118	43,50,654	1 0 8	39,45,351	4,18,612	22,840	28,493	16,853	153,590	7,11,754
68,734	482,357	4,00,811	0 13 4	1,161,471	9,81,240	0 13 6	8,84,692	83,061	9,056	17,652	13,495	21,695	37,579
40,451	496,666	1,69,100	0 5 5	761,969	2,37,278	0 5 0	2,28,837	4,420	8,258	23,629	7,007	14,099	12,269
89,796	334,592	2,57,481	0 12 4	943,560	6,83,776	0 11 7	6,48,069	34,479	15,870	13,982	5,038	27,039	25,525
52,576	391,709	1,71,841	0 7 1	541,203	2,51,891	0 7 5	2,32,952	10,661	4,806	10,027	4,789	20,574	9,571
40,316	303,339	2,73,075	0 14 4	891,424	7,84,037	0 14 0	7,34,525	39,318	10,303	7,109	8,354	21,876	35,604
11,577	155,373	85,772	0 8 10	366,432	1,66,083	0 7 3	1,53,672	2,369	4,832	1,474	2,958	14,057	16,614
303,450	2,164,036	13,58,080	0 10 1	4,666,059	31,04,305	0 10 8	28,82,747	1,74,308	53,125	73,873	41,641	119,304	1,37,162
858,340	6,606,400	51,84,390	0 12 6	16,904,399	1,50,34,525	0 14 3	1,20,67,649	21,16,523	138,523	172,585	97,640	497,381	14,46,093
837,077	6,546,665	50,48,827	0 12 4	16,829,660	1,45,22,080	0 13 5	1,02,06,051	17,84,716	143,129	173,836	101,120	520,305	16,04,552

STATEMENT B-I—Showing the progress made in the allotment of Waste

Division.	District.	Total No. of Survey numbers, Area and assessment in ryotwari tract.			Previously allotted from commencement of Settlement to the end of previous year.		
		Number of survey numbers.	Area.	Assessment.	Number of survey numbers.	Area.	Assessment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			Acres.	Rs.		Acres.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE	Saugor	(a) 1,548	(a) 8,599	(a) 5,283	386	2,304	1,443
	Damoh	(b) 2,158	(b) 16,703	(b) 9,188	(b) 1,745	(b) 12,471	(b) 7,551
	Jubbulpore	805	2,071	1,015	763	1,966	995
	Mandla	(c) 87,245	(c) 379,281	(c) 1,22,816	(c) 61,353	(c) 269,474	(c) 97,847
	Seoni	8,790	79,214	24,123	8,551	76,956	23,810
	Total ...	100,546	485,868	1,62,425	72,798	363,171	1,31,046
NERBUDDA	Narsinghpur	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hoshangabad	1,698	(a) 23,792	7,359	1,570	20,794	6,849
	Nimar	(b) 26,635	388,950	1,76,587	24,197	355,701	1,69,394
	Betul	6,134	(c) 64,393	9,899	5,619	57,967	9,255
	Chhindwara	2,560	29,133	6,707	2,441	28,471	6,576
	Total ...	37,027	506,268	2,00,552	33,827	462,933	1,92,074
NAGPUR	Wardha	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur	181	2,239	1,815	180	2,235	1,812
	Chanda	15,518	125,486	43,123	11,817	96,562	37,322
	Bhandara	275	2,223	678	191	1,522	527
	Balaghat	12,331	156,557	37,629	7,593	98,736	31,076
	Total ..	28,305	286,505	83,245	19,781	199,055	70,737
CHHATTISGARH	Raipur	(a) 5,682	(a) 10,206	(a) 4,587	(a) 5,614	(a) 9,828	(a) 4,464
	Bilaspur	753	1,518	825	750	1,492	819
	Drug	20	83	45	20	83	45
	Total ...	6,455	11,807	5,457	6,384	11,403	5,328
	GRAND TOTAL ...	172,333	1,290,448	4,51,679	132,790	1,036,562	3,99,185

JUBBULPORE

(a) The increase is due to the Settlement
(b) The decrease is due to the acquisition of one
(c) Last year's

NERBUDDA

(a) The increase is due
(b) Last year's figures
(c) Excludes 148 acres

CHHATTISGARH

(d) The decrease is due to the exclusion of some

Lands during the year ending the 30th September 1916.

Available for allotment at commencement of year under report.			Alloted during the year under report.			Relinquished during the year under report.			Balance for allotment at the end of year under report.		
Number of survey numbers.	Area.	Assessment.	Number of survey numbers.	Area.	Assessment	Number of survey numbers.	Area.	Assessment.	Number of survey numbers.	Area.	Assessment.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Acres.	Rs.		Acres.	Rs.		Acres.	Rs.		Acres.	Rs.
1,162	6,295	3,840	726	3,115	3,207	...	...	...	436	3,180	633
413	4,232	1,637	54	452	257	44	417	216	403	4,197	1,596
42	105	20	17	56	14	2	9	5	27	58	11
(*c*) 25,892	(*c*) 109,807	(*c*) 25,569	6,674	31,019	8,307	5,433	24,382	7,707	24,651	103,170	24,969
239	2,258	313	87	1,077	204	80	907	195	232	2,088	304
27,748	122,697	31,379	7,558	35,719	11,989	5,559	25,715	8,123	25,749	112,693	27,513
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
128	2,998	510	19	301	73	26	429	89	135	3,126	526
2,438	33,249	7,193	1,133	16,918	5,205	889	12,765	4,066	2,194	29,096	6,054
515	(*b*) 2,426	644	190	2,286	270	143	1,666	249	468	5,806	623
119	662	131	38	571	105	6	102	10	87	193	36
3,200	43,335	8,478	1,380	20,076	5,653	1,064	14,962	4,414	2,884	38,221	7,239
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	4	3	1	4	2	1	4	2	1	4	3
3,701	28,924	5,801	343	3,005	1,238	284	2,491	631	3,642	28,410	5,194
84	701	151	49	378	98	38	518	128	73	841	181
4,738	57,821	6,553	1,136	13,317	3,807	596	7,831	2,181	4,198	52,335	4,927
8,524	87,450	12,508	1,529	16,704	5,145	919	10,844	2,942	7,914	81,590	10,305
68	378	123	22	332	76	19	281	66	65	327	113
3	26	6	...	...	...	...	..	...	3	26	6
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
71	404	129	22	332	76	19	281	66	68	353	119
39,543	253,886	52,494	10,489	72,831	22,863	7,561	51,802	15,545	36,615	232,857	45,176

DIVISION.

of 19 villages on Ryotwari principles at the recent Settlement.
Ryotwari village required for water-works.
figures were wrong.

DIVISION.

to revision of Settlement.
were wrong.
transferred to Minhai.

DIVISION.

Minhai land which was erroneously included.

STATEMENT B-II.—*Showing the area held by the several*

Division.	District.	Total area included in occupied survey numbers.	Held by Patels.			
			Number of holdings.	Area.	Revenue.	Rate per acre.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Acres.		Acres.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.
JUBBULPORE.	Saugor	3,388	11	475	410	0 13 10
	Damoh	12,742	50	1,500	918	0 9 10
	Jubbulpore	2,033	7	153	99	0 10 4
	Mandla	285,736	543	23,135	9,502	0 6 7
	Seoni	77,640	178	9,739	3,603	0 5 11
	Total ...	381,539	789	35,002	14,531	0 6 8
NERBUDDA	Narsinghpur	...	...	...	...	...
	Hoshangabad	20,803	29	1,319	470	0 5 8
	Nimar	355,944	312	20,332	11,158	0 8 9
	Betul	60,011	82	4,055	741	0 2 11
	Chhindwara	29,133	73	2,851	667	0 3 9
	Total ...	465,891	496	28,557	13,036	0 7 3
NAGPUR	Wardha	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur	2,235	7	401	353	0 14 1
	Chanda	97,841	176	6,714	2,755	0 6 7
	Bhandara	1,696	4	265	144	0 8 8
	Balaghat	98,319	212	11,437	4,892	0 6 10
	Total ...	200,091	399	18,817	8,144	0 6 11
CHHATTISGARH.	Raipur	10,066	22	1,034	404	0 6 3
	Bilaspur	1,507	6	163	84	0 8 3
	Drug	7,520	19	918	378	0 6 7
	Total ...	19,093	47	2,115	866	0 6 7
	GRAND TOTAL ...	1,066,614	1,731	84,491	36,577	0 6 11

classes of Holders in Ryotwari Villages and the Revenue.

Held by Government Ryots.				Service Grants.			Sub-let by Patels.		Sub-let by Ryots.	
Number of holdings.	Area.	Revenue.	Rate per acre.	Number of holdings.	Area.	Revenue.	Area.	Rent.	Area.	Rent.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Acres.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.		Acres.	Rs.	Acres.	Rs.	Acres.	Rs.
326	2,913	1,909	0 10 6	...	...	..	25	29	309	316
988	11,984	6,698	0 9 7	23	158	96	106	87	946	801
193	1,864	731	0 6 3	2	16	5	31	41	243	428
17,099	256,655	96,887	0 6 0	404	5,946	2,118	297	109	2,883	1,087
3,687	67,294	21,291	0 5 1	43	607	167	542	106	4,192	1,396
22,293	339,810	1,27,516	0 6 0	472	6,727	2,386	1,001	372	8,573	4,028
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
781	19,405	6,344	0 5 3	5	79	17	29	13	626	117
13,991	332,670	1,55,960	0 7 6	167	2,942	1,334	274	1,402	6,679	10,239
2,373	55,468	8,789	0 2 7	34	488	82	14	45	159	500
1,375	26,089	6,004	0 3 8	8	193	49	86	Bati.	1,501	111
18,520	433,632	1,77,097	0 6 6	214	3,702	1,482	403	1,460	8,965	10,967
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
115	1,834	1,459	0 12 9	...	...	...	...	...	65	56
6,525	90,513	34,588	0 6 1	49	614	210	339	396	5,509	6,856
81	1,431	417	0 4 8	...	...	...	...	...	25	13
7,788	85,833	34,128	0 6 4	71	1,049	329	868	952	2,912	2,473
14,509	179,611	70,592	0 6 3	120	1,663	539	1,207	1,348	8,511	9,398
766	9,032	4,145	0 7 4	...	...	...	9	26	272	536
145	1,312	743	0 9 0	5	32	11	3	1	58	34
562	6,602	2,892	0 7 0	...	...	...	...	...	38	6
1,473	16,946	7,780	0 7 4	5	32	11	12	27	368	576
56,795	969,999	3,82,985	0 6 4	811	12,124	4,418	2,623	3,207	26,417	24,969

STATEMENT C.—Showing financial results on account of loans under the year ending the

1.—LOANS WITH

Division.	District.	State of Loans Accounts (principal).					Recovery of		
		Total amount of loans outstanding at commencement of the year.	Amount sanctioned for distribution during the year.	Paid out during the year.	Collected or written-off during the year (columns 11, 12 and 13).	Balance of loans outstanding at close of the year.	Demand falling due for recovery during the year.	Arrear demand of principal.	Total demand on account of principal.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE	Saugor	(a) 46,269	15,000	12,525	32,048	26,746	31,076	263	31,339
	Damoh	67,510	13,000	22,056	80,021	(b) 9,545	60,880	22,109	82,989
	Jubbulpore	1,51,115	15,000	20,695	1,22,273	(b) 49,537	1,06,550	26,506	1,33,056
	Mandla	1,31,687	12,000	10,478	81,824	(b) 60,341	56,783	18,690	75,473
	Seoni	40,547	10,000	14,428	32,376	(b) 22,599	31,492	1,468	32,960
	Total	4,37,128	65,000	80,182	3,48,542	1,68,768	2,86,781	69,036	3,55,817
NERBUDDA	Narsinghpur	1,22,708	39,730	39,730	1,12,817	(f) 49,621	55,823	(d) 67,880	1,23,703
	Hoshangabad	97,339	22,465	22,465	49,285	70,519	41,813	14,264	56,077
	Nimar	67,412	20,900	19,614	47,279	39,747	37,456	11,940	49,396
	Betul	18,393	8,400	7,719	13,368	12,744	12,189	582	12,771
	Chhindwara	31,736	20,092	20,092	38,072	13,756	33,321	6,031	39,352
	Total	3,37,588	1,11,587	1,09,620	2,60,821	1,86,387	1,80,602	1,00,697	2,81,299
NAGPUR	Wardha	29,667	25,000	21,919	30,112	21,474	30,111	...	30,111
	Nagpur	(a) 33,562	10,000	9,450	26,331	16,681	25,145	4,396	29,541
	Chanda	48,451	26,000	21,826	26,603	43,674	27,110	29	27,139
	Bhandara	17,275	3,576	3,576	10,795	10,056	10,795	...	10,795
	Balaghat	8,203	5,000	1,914	6,331	3,786	6,325	...	6,325
	Total	1,37,158	69,576	58,685	1,00,172	95,671	99,486	4,425	1,03,911
CHHATTISGARH	Raipur	1,07,982	18,000	13,000	1,05,692	15,290	84,669	21,499	1,06,168
	Bilaspur	2,36,650	8,500	2,616	1,51,338	87,928	(a) 1,54,005	17,301	1,71,306
	Drug	(b) 10,803	8,500	7,110	10,164	7,749	10,124	...	10,124
	Total	3,55,435	35,000	22,726	2,67,194	1,10,967	2,48,798	38,800	2,87,598
	GRAND TOTAL	12,67,309	2,81,163	2,71,213	9,76,729	5,61,793	8,15,667	2,12,958	10,28,625

Agriculturists' Loans Act, XI of 1884, *in the districts of the Central Provinces for the 30th September* 1916.

INTEREST.

Principal.				Recovery of interest.			
Total collections on account of principal due.	Advance collections on account of principal which has not yet fallen due.	Principal written off as irrecoverable.	Balance of demand on account of principal due for recovery.	Collection on account of interest during the year.	Interest written-off as irrecoverable.	Rate of interest recovered on mean of loans outstanding at commencement and close of the year (*i. e.*, ½ column 3 *plus* 7).	Remarks.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
							JUBBULPORE DIVISION.
31,291	757	...	48	3,026	33	8·29	(*a*) Includes Rs. 10 transferred from loans under the Land Improvement Loans Acts.
79,519	502	...	3,470	4,109	...	11·67	(*b*) Includes the following amounts suspended :—
1,21,772	501	...	11,284	10,901	...	10·87	
70,770	11,054	...	4,703	10,505	5	10·94	Rs.
31,115	1,261	...	1,845	2,454	...	7·77	Damoh ... 138 Jubbulpore ... 457 Mandla ... 30,054 Seoni ... 564 Total ... 31,213
3,34,467	14,075	...	21,350	30,995	38	10·23	
							NERBUDDA DIVISION.
1,12,775	42	...	10,928	7,432	...	8·63	(*a*) Includes Rs. 695 suspended.
49,070	215	...	(*e*) 7,007	4,633	...	5·5	(*b*) Suspended.
41,476	5,803	...	(*c*) 7,920	3,238	...	6·04	(*c*) Includes Rs. 320 suspended.
12,725	643	...	(*b*) 46	984	...	6·32	(*d*) Last year's figure was wrong.
37,972	100	...	(*a*) 1,380	2,314	...	10·17	(*e*) Includes Rs. 6,638 suspended.
2,54,018	6,803	...	27,281	18,601	...	7·07	(*f*) Includes Rs. 170 suspended.
							NAGPUR DIVISION.
30,111	1	...	...	1,241	...	4·85	(*a*) Excludes the amounts advanced and collected by the Director of Agriculture on account of loans given to sugarcane-growers.
26,328	3	...	3,213	1,919	...	7·63	
26,571	6	26	542	2,713	...	5·88	
10,795	...	...	...	990	...	7·2	
6,325	6	...	...	414	...	6·82	
1,00,130	16	26	3,755	7,277	...	6·02	
							CHHATTISGARH DIVISION.
1,05,692	...	...	476	7,686	...	12·46	(*a*) Includes Rs. 97,774 suspended but fell due during the year.
1,49,229	2,109	...	22,077	11,238	...	6·92	(*b*) Includes Rs. 10 which was wrongly excluded last year.
10,124	40	...	...	581	...	6·26	
2,65,045	2,149	...	22,553	19,505	...	8·36	
9,53,660	23,043	26	† 74,939	76,378	38	8·35	(†) Includes Rs. 7,699 suspended (*vide* remarks against Nerbudda Division).

STATEMENT C.—Showing financial results on account of Loans under the year ending the

2.—LOANS WITHOUT

Division.	District.	State of Loans Accounts (principal).					Recovery of		
		Total amount of loans outstanding at commencement of the year.	Amount sanctioned for distribution during the year.	Paid out during the year.	Collected or written-off during the year (columns 11, 12 and 13).	Balance of loans outstanding at close of the year.	Demand falling due for recovery during the year.	Arrear demand of principal.	Total demand on account of principal.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Damoh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Jubbulpore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Mandla ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Seoni ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hoshangabad ...	14	...	...	7	7	7	...	7
	Nimar ..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
	Betul ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhindwara ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	14	...	...	7	7	7	...	7
NAGPUR ...	[illegible]ha ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chanda ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bhandara ...	13	...	...	5	8	5	...	5
	Balaghat ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	13	...	...	5	8	5	...	5
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bilaspur ..		...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Drug ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
	GRAND TOTAL ...	27	...	...	12	15	12	...	12

Agriculturists' Loans Act, XI of 1884, *in the districts of the Central Provinces for the 30th September* 1916.—(Concld).

INTEREST.

principal.				Recovery of interest.			
Total collections on account of principal due.	Advance collections on account of principal which has not yet fallen due.	Principal written-off as irrecoverable.	Balance of demand on account of principal due for recovery.	Collection on account of interest during the year.	Interest written-off as irrecoverable.	Rate of interest recovered on mean of loans outstanding at commencement and close of the year (*i. e.*, ½ column 3 *plus* 7).	Remarks.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
7	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
7	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
5	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
5	...	...	...	...	...	...	
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...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
12	...	...	...	...	...	...	

STATEMENT D—Showing financial results on account of Loans under the Land Improvement Loans

I.—LOANS

Division.	District.	State of Loans Accounts (Principal).					Recovery of		
		Total amount of loans outstanding at commencement of the year.	Amount sanctioned for distribution during the year.	Paid out during the year.	Collected or written-off during the year (columns 11, 12 and 13).	Balance of loans outstanding at close of the year.	Demand falling due for recovery during the year.	Arrear demand of principal.	Total demand on account of principal.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor ...	(a) 68,705	5,000	1,775	18,452	52,028	17,929	88	18,017
	Damoh ...	1,58,138	3,000	365	31,276	(b) 1,27,227	27,392	7,877	35,269
	Jubbulpore ...	1,36,584	5,000	3,580	36,990	1,03,174	34,194	5,516	39,710
	Mandla ...	84,705	5,000	2,965	27,314	(b) 60,356	19,312	1,729	21,041
	Seoni ...	(a) 48,610	3,000	1,387	16,239	(b) 33,758	14,385	1,281	15,666
	Total ...	4,96,742	21,000	10,072	1,30,271	(b) 3,76,543	1,13,212	16,491	1,29,703
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur ...	29,452	3,000	3,000	12,205	20,247	7,189	7,746	14,935
	Hoshangabad ...	13,853	330	330	3,199	10,984	2,570	628	3,198
	Nimar ...	19,562	9,000	350	8,691	11,221	5,535	3,918	9,453
	Betul ...	11,581	1,200	640	4,581	7,640	4,539	17	4,556
	Chhindwara ...	26,368	5,195	5,195	10,489	21,074	9,836	1,289	11,125
	Total ...	1,00,816	18,725	9,515	39,165	71,166	25,669	13,598	43,267
NAGPUR ...	Wardha ...	2,391	2,000	650	1,363	1,678	1,363	100	1,463
	Nagpur ...	16,940	8,000	5,625	6,395	16,170	6,539	...	6,539
	Chanda ...	28,704	10,000	5,717	8,197	26,224	7,665	202	7,867
	Bhandara ...	1,03,227	1,785	1,785	21,149	83,863	23,018	1,753	24,771
	Balaghat ...	33,051	5,000	3,935	13,095	23,891	12,581	407	12,988
	Total ...	1,84,313	26,785	17,712	50,199	1,51,826	51,166	2,462	53,628
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur ...	1,62,352	5,000	...	53,823	1,08,529	51,788	2,174	53,962
	Bilaspur ...	2,09,204	15,000	2,116	45,416	1,65,904	(b) 46,121	4,944	51,065
	Drug ...	(a) 40,240	5,000	2,230	13,237	29,233	12,861	...	12,861
	Total ...	4,11,796	25,000	4,346	1,12,476	3,03,666	1,10,770	7,118	1,17,888
	GRAND TOTAL ...	11,93,667	91,510	41,645	3,32,111	9,03,201	3,04,817	39,669	3,44,486

WITH INTEREST.

Principal.				Recovery of Interest.			Remarks.
Total collections on account of principal due.	Advance collections on account of principal which has not yet fallen due.	Principal written-off as irrecoverable.	Balance of demand on account of principal due for recovery.	Collection on account of interest during the year.	Interest written-off as irrecoverable.	Rate of interest recovered on mean of loans outstanding at commencement and close of the year (*i. e.*, $\frac{1}{2}$ columns 3+7).	
11	12	13	14	14	16	17	18
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	*Jubbulpore Division.*
17,891	561	...	126	5,340	9	8·85	(*a*).—Saugor—Excludes Rs. 10 transferred to loans under the Agriculturists' Loans Act.
30,398	683	195	4,676	10,921	44	7·65	Seoni—Includss Rs. 21 to be refunded which was recovered twice.
35,894	1,096	...	3,816	10,059	...	8·39	(*b*).—Includes the following amounts suspended :—
20,915	6,399	...	126	5,360	...	7·39	
14,828	1,411	...	838	3,091	...	7·50	Rs.
							Damoh 228
							Mandla 3,410
							Seoni 20
							Total ... 3,658
1,19,926	10,150	195	9,582	34,771	53	7·98	*Nerbudda Division.*
11,454	751	...	3,481	1,855	...	7·46	(*a*) Includes Rs. 128 suspended.
3,198	1	...	...	881	...	7·09	(*b*) „ Rs. 125 „
7,195	1,496	...	(*b*) 2,258	937	...	6·09	
4,556	25	...	...	740	...	7·70	
10,344	145	...	(*a*) 781	1,595	...	6·72	
36,747	2,418	...	6,520	6,008	...	6·99	
1,363	...	...	100	164	...	8·05	*Nagpur Division.*
6,395	...	...	144	941	...	5·68	(*a*) Includes Rs. 567 on account of principal not due.
7,601	7	(*a*) 589	244	1,773	2	6·45	
20,207	...	942	3,622	8,936	32	9·55	
12,988	107	...	...	2,070	...	7·29	
48,554	114	1,531	4,110	13,884	34	8·25	*Chhattisgarh Division.*
53,352	471	...	610	11,718	...	8·65	(*a*) Includes (1) Rs. 500 advanced in 1913, but not taken into account by mistake, (2) Rs. 5 advanced last year, but not taken into account.
44,531	885	...	6,534	12,927	...	6·89	(*b*) Includes Rs. 26,402 suspended, but fell due for collection during the year.
12,861	376	...	...	2,270	...	6·53	
1,10,744	1,732	...	7,144	26,915	...	7·52	
3,15,971	14,414	† 1,726	* 27,356	81,578	87	7·78	

* Includes Rs. 253 suspended (*vide* remarks against Nerbudda Division).
† Includes Rs. 567 remitted on account of principal not fallen due (*vide* remarks against Nagpur Division).

STATEMENT D—Showing financial results on account of Loans under the Land
the 30th

2.—LOANS WITHOUT

Division.	District.	State of Loans Accounts (Principal).					Recovery of		
		Total amount of loans outstanding at commencement of the year.	Amount sanctioned for distribution during the year.	Paid out during the year.	Collected or written-off during the year (cloumns 11, 12 and 13).	Balance of loans outstanding at close of the year.	Demand falling due for recovery during the year.	Arrear demand of principal.	Total demand on account of principal.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Damoh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Jubbulpore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Mandla ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Seoni ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hoshangaba d ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nimar ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Betul ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhindwara ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
NAGPUR ...	Wardha ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chanda ...	7,318	...	...	1,239	6,079	1,239	...	1,239
	Bhandara ...	372	...	...	132	240	132	...	132
	Balaghat ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	7,690	...	...	1,371	6,319	1,371	...	1,371
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bilaspur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Drug ...	71	...	...	71	...	71	...	71
	Total ...	71	...	...	71	...	71	...	71
	GRAND TOTAL ...	7,761	...	...	1,442	6,319	1,442	...	1,442

Improvement Loans Act, XIX of 1883, *in the districts of the Central Provinces for the year ending September* 1916.—(Concld.)

INTEREST.

Principal.				Recovery of Interest.			
Total collections on account of principal due.	Advance collections on account of principal which has not yet fallen due.	Principal written-off as irrecoverable.	Balance of demand on account of principal due for recovery.	Collection on account of interest during the year.	Interest written-off as irrecoverable.	Rate of interest recovered on mean of loans outstanding at commencement and close of the year (*i. e.*, ½ column 3 *plus* 7),	Remarks.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
1,239	...	...	...	...	...	...	
132	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
1,371	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
71	...	...	...	...	...	...	
71	...	...	...	...	...	...	
14·42	...	...	...	...	...	...	

STATEMENT E—Showing the alterations which have occurred in the Demand of Land Revenue on the Roll during the Revenue year ending the 30th September 1916.

Division.	District.	Land revenue on roll on 1st October 1915.	Increase during the year.				Decrease during the year.			Net Result.		Land revenue on the roll on the 1st October 1916.
			By revision of assessment.	By progressive assessment.	From any other cause.	Total of columns 4 to 6.	By revision of assessment.	From any other cause.	Total of columns 8 and 9.	Increase (column 7 *minus* column 10).	Decrease (column 10 *minus* column 7).	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Jubbulpore.	Saugor ...	(*a*) 6,53,588	1,53,014	...	...	1,53,014	966	29	995	1,52,019	...	8 05,607
	Damoh ...	(*b*) 4,61,193	250	2,495	...	2,745	250	24	274	2,471	...	4,63,664
	Jubbulpore ...	10,41,165	261	...	20,340	20,601	...	20,569	20,569	32	...	10,41,197
	Mandla ...	1,69,116	...	...	...	...	...	50	50	...	50	1,69,066
	Seoni ...	2,68,605	...	...	1,041	1,041	...	6	6	1,035	...	2,69,640
	Total ...	25,93,667	1,53,525	2,495	21,381	1,77,401	1,216	20,678	21,894	1,55,507	...	27,49,174
Nerbudda.	Narsinghpur ...	6,36,680	...	...	...	...	...	110	110	...	110	6,36,570
	Hoshangabad ...	6,76,729	60,629	...	2	60,631	...	13	13	60,618	...	7,37,347
	Nimar ...	4,28,896	...	...	20	20	...	1	1	19	...	4,28,915
	Betul ...	2,76,429	...	...	8	8	...	7	7	1	...	2,76,430
	Chhindwara ...	(*a*) 2,94,312	55,182	...	...	55,182	40	271	311	54,871	...	3,49,183
	Total ...	23,13,046	1,15,811	...	30	1,15,841	40	402	442	1,15,399	...	24,28,445
Nagpur.	Wardha ...	8,13,542	119	130	...	249	...	364	364	...	115	8,13,427
	Nagpur ...	12,16,888	1,39,972	...	3,912	1,43,884	...	3,525	3,525	1,40,359	...	13,57,247
	Chanda ...	3,29,186	...	...	137	137	...	10	10	127	...	3,29,313
	Bhandara ...	5,85,906	...	...	240	240	...	755	755	...	515	5,85,391
	Balaghat ...	2,38,643	1,70,340	...	...	1,70,340	1,18,016	1,142	1,19,158	51,182	...	2,89,825
	Total ...	31,84,165	3,10,431	130	4,289	3,14,850	1,18,016	5,796	1,23,812	1,91,038	...	33,75,203
Chhattisgarh.	Raipur ...	7,67,943	...	3,171	17	3,188	...	470	470	2,718	...	7,70,661
	Bilaspur ...	6,12,033	534	610	...	1,144	...	3	3	1,141	...	6,13,174
	Drug ...	6,46,548	19	2,325	1	2,345	...	50	50	2,295	...	6,48,843
	Total ...	20,26,524	553	6,106	18	6,677	...	523	523	6,154	...	20,32,678
	GRAND TOTAL ...	1,01,17,402	5,80,320	8,731	25,718	6,14,769	1,19,272	27,399	1,46,671	4,68,098	...	1,05,85,500

JUBBULPORE DIVISION.

(*a*) Includes Rs. 2 which was not taken into account last year by mistake.

(*b*) Excludes Re. 1 remitted last year but not taken into account then.

NERBUDDA DIVISION.

(*a*) Last year's figure was wrong.

STATEMENT F—Showing Demand and Collections during the Revenue year ending the 30th September 1916.

PART I (*a*).—LAND REVENUE ON THE ROLL—ARREARS.

Division.	District.	Demand.					Collections.	Balance.		
		Balance from previous year.	Remission during year.	Balance for collection.						
				Suspended.	Unsuspended.	Total.		Suspended.	Unsuspended.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE.	Saugor ...	(*a*) 8,899	8,474	...	425	425	425	...	...	...
	Damoh ...	1,33,039	66,713	...	66,326	66,326	66,296	...	30	30
	Jubbulpore ..	52,070	...	...	52,070	52,070	52,070	...	...	...
	Mandla ...	21,933	...	11	21,922	21,933	21,922	11	...	11
	Seoni ...	6,670	...	2,049	4,621	6,670	4,621	2,049	...	2,049
	Total ...	2,22,611	75,187	2,060	1,45,364	1,47,424	1,45,334	2,060	30	2,090
NERBUDDA.	Narsinghpur ...	11,715	...	11,715	...	11,715	11,715	..	...	...
	Hoshangabad ...	22,641	2	22,486	153	22,639	22,598	...	41	41
	Nimar ...	(*a*) 6,419	...	5,854	565	6,419	3,286	3,123	10	3,133
	Betul ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhindwara ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	40,775	2	40,055	718	40,773	37,599	3,123	51	3,174
NAGPUR.	Wardha ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur ...	453	...	453	...	453	453	...	...	...
	Chanda ...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
	Bhandara ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Balaghat ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	453	...	453	...	453	453	...	...	...
CHHATTISGARH.	Raipur ...	(*a*) 66	...	...	66	66	66	...	...	...
	Bilaspur ...	69	...	...	69	69	69	...	...	...
	Drug ...	(*b*) 108	...	...	108	108	108	...	...	...
	Total ..	243	...	...	243	243	243	...	...	...
	GRAND TOTAL ...	2,64,082	75,189	42,568	1,46,325	1,88,893	1,83,629	5,183	81	5,264

JUBBULPORE DIVISION.

(*a*) Increase of Rs. 425 is due to revision of settlement.

CHHATTISGARH DIVISION.

(*a*) Includes Rs. 5 remitted last year, but subsequently ordered to be recovered.

(*b*) Includes Rs. 90 which was not taken into account last year through oversight.

NERBUDDA DIVISION.

(*a*) Includes Rs. 5 credited into the Treasury last year under the head Cesses, but treated as Land Revenue this year.

STATEMENT F—Showing Demand and Collections during the Revenue year ending the 30th September 1916.—(Contd.)

PART I (*b*).—LAND REVENUE ON THE ROLL.—CURRENT.

Division.	District.	Demand.						Collections.	Balance.			Collections in advance to be adjusted at the close of the year.	Collected in advance on account of the following year.	Total collections in advance remaining to be adjusted.
		Demand according to kistbandi.	Abatement or remission granted during the year.	Suspension granted during the year.	Collected in advance during the previous years and adjusted during the year.	Total deductions to be made (total of columns 4,5 and 6).	Net demand for collection.		Suspended.	Unsuspended.	Total.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE.	Saugor	(*a*) 8,06,000	...	...	(*b*) 353	353	8,05,647	8,05,647	...	...	...	...	528	528
	Damoh	4,61,193	...	...	15	15	4,61,178	4,61,153	...	25	25	...	112	112
	Jubbulpore	10,41,165	31	...	706	737	10,40,428	10,40,428	...	...	...	...	264	264
	Mandla	1,69,116	...	...	213	213	1,68,903	1,68,900	...	3	3	...	196	196
	Seoni	(*a*) 2,68,616	...	...	859	859	2,67,757	2,67,757	...	...	...	113	721	834
	Total	27,46,090	31	...	2,146	2,177	27,43,913	27,43,885	...	28	28	113	1,821	1,934
NERBUDDA.	Narsinghpur	6,36,679	496	...	...	496	6,36,183	6,36,183	...	...	...	...	24	24
	Hoshangabad	(*d*) 7,37,360	87	...	30	117	7,37,243	7,37,218	...	25	25	...	25	25
	Nimar	(*c*) 4,28,902	...	...	82	82	4,28,820	4,28,815	...	5	5	...	5	5
	Betul	(*a*) 2,76,432	...	...	28	28	2,76,404	2,76,404	...	...	...	...	20	20
	Chhindwara	(*b*) 3,49,494	191	...	342	533	3,48,961	3,48,961	...	...	...	...	419	419
	Total	24,28,867	774	...	482	1,256	24,27,611	24,27,581	...	30	30	...	493	493
NAGPUR.	Wardha	8,13,250	...	...	66	66	8,13,184	8,13,144	...	40	40	...	350	350
	Nagpur	(*a*) 12,79,923	...	...	42	42	12,79,881	12,79,881	...	...	...	...	26	26
	Chanda	3,29,186	...	...	(*b*) 63	63	3,29,123	3,29,123	...	...	...	...	105	105
	Bhandara	5,85,906	...	...	37	37	5,85,869	5,85,869	...	...	...	...	11	11
	Balaghat	(*a*) 2,90,967	...	...	108	108	2,90,859	2,90,859	...	...	...	...	150	150
	Total	32,99,232	...	...	316	316	32,98,916	32,98,876	...	40	40	...	642	642
CHHATTISGARH.	Raipur	7,70,813	825	...	(*d*) 677	1,502	7,69,311	7,69,309	...	2	2	563	383	946
	Bilaspur	(*a*) 6,12,566	...	...	277	277	6,12,289	6,12,289	...	...	...	...	84	84
	Drug	(*b*) 6,48,881	38	...	(*c*) 430	468	6,48,413	6,48,413	...	...	...	...	463	463
	Total	20,32,260	863	...	1,384	2,247	20,30,013	20,30,011	...	2	2	563	930	1,493
	Grand total	1,05,06,449	1,668	...	4,328	5,996	1,05,00,453	1,05,00,353	...	100	100	676	3,886	4,562

JUBBULPORE DIVISION.

(*a*) Includes the following amounts :—

Saugor Rs. 1,52,412 on account of revision of settlement.

Seoni Rs. 11 on account of relinquishment of land acquired for the channel of the Rumai Tank.

(*b*) Increase of Rs. 50 is due to revision of settlement.

NERBUDDA DIVISION.

(*a*) Includes Rs. 3 which was ordered to be recovered with effect from 1st February 1916.

(*b*) Includes Rs. 55,182 on account of revision of settlement.

(*c*) Increase of Rs. 5 is due to revision of assessment.

(*d*) Includes Rs. 60,639 on account of revision of assessment and Rs. 2 on account of resumption of muafi.

NAGPUR DIVISION.

(*a*) Increase is due to revision of settlement.

(*b*) Excludes Re. 1 refunded during the year.

CHHATTISGARH DIVISION.

(*a*) Includes Rs. 534 on account of muafi resumption and excludes Re. 1 remitted.

(*b*) Increase is due to progressive assessment.

(*c*) Includes Rs. 68 remitted last year, but not taken into account.

(*d*) Excludes Rs. 20 refunded.

STATEMENT F—Showing Demand and Collections during the Revenue year ending the 30th September 1916.—(Contd.)

PART II.—LAND REVENUE NOT ON THE ROLL.

Division.	District.	Demand.		Collected in advance during previous year.	Net demand (total of columns 3 and 4 *minus* column 5).	Collections.		Balance.		Collected in advance on account of the year following.
		Balance from previous year.	For year under report.			On account of previous year.	On account of year under report.	On account of previous year (column 3 *minus* column 7).	On account of year under report (column 4 *minus* total of columns 5 and 8).	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE.	Saugor ...	(*a*) 1	2,870	7	2,864	1	2,863	...	...	5
	Damoh ...	(*a*) 2,041	8,280	4	10,317	2,032	8,234	9	42	4
	Jubbulpore ...	...	2,960	...	2,960	...	2,960	...	...	...
	Mandla ...	(*b*) 19,421	1,08,987	(*c*) 154	1,28,254	18,465	1,08,048	(*d*) 956	785	42
	Seoni ...	3,987	25,119	222	28,884	2,329	24,897	(*d*) 1,658	...	(*e*) 120
	Total ...	25,450	1,48,216	387	1,73,279	22,827	1,47,002	2,623	827	171
NERBUDDA.	Narsinghpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hoshangabad ...	761	7,150	...	7,911	761	7,150	...	...	...
	Nimar ...	21,110	1,65,610	...	1,86,720	16,680	1,65,209	4,430	401	22
	Betul ...	14	9,992	(*a*)	10,006	...	9,992	14	...	...
	Chhindwara ...	...	6,671	9	6,662	...	6,662	...	...	10
	Total ...	21,885	1,89,423	9	2,11,299	17,441	1,89,013	4,444	401	32
NAGPUR.	Wardha ...	...	185	24	161	...	161	...	..	...
	Nagpur ...	3	54,021	...	54,024	3	54,021	...	...	...
	Chanda ...	(*a*) 155	45,192	27	45,320	147	45,173	...	...	32
	Bhandara ...	(*b*) 31	999	...	1,030	31	974	...	25	...
	Balaghat ...	345	39,313	...	39,658	345	39,244	...	69	1
	Total ...	534	1,39,710	51	1,40,193	526	1,39,573	...	94	33
CHHATTISGARH.	Raipur ...	10	5,017	...	5,027	10	5,017	...	...	...
	Bilaspur ...	...	2,998	1	2,997	...	2,997	...	...	1
	Drug ...	...	3,383	4	3,379	...	3,379	...		3
	Total ...	10	11,398	5	11,403	10	11,393	...	...	4
	GRAND TOTAL ...	47,879	4,88,747	452	5,36,174	40,804	4,86,981	7,067	1,322	240

JUBBULPORE DIVISION.

(*a*) Excludes as follows:—

Saugor—Rs. 459 which consists of Rs. 243 remitted and Rs. 216 transferred to Land Revenue arrears.

Damoh – Rs. 2,746 remitted.

(*b*) Includes Rs. 63 on account of arrears of Malikana, and excludes Rs. 592 remitted.

(*c*) Includes Rs. 9 on account of advance collections of Malikana.

(*d*) Includes—Mandla Rs. 82, suspensed.

Seoni Rs. 1,658, suspensed.

(*e*) Includes Re. 1 on account of advance collections of the previous year which could not be adjusted during the year under report.

NERBUDDA DIVISION.

(*a*) Last year Re. 1 was wrongly shown as collected in advance in column 11 of the statement.

NAGPUR DIVISION.

(*a*) Includes Rs. 8, being the demand of unauthorised cultivation in previous year and collected after the close of the year.

(*b*) Increase is due to recovery of arrears on account of surface rent on mining leases subsequently assessed.

STATEMENT F—Showing Demand and Collections during the Revenue year ending the 30th September 1916.—(Contd.)

PART III.—CESSES ASSESSED ON THE LAND REVENUE.

Division.	District.	Demand.		Collected in advance during previous year.	Net demand.	Collections.		Balance.		Collected in advance on account of the year following.
		Balance from previous year.	For year under report.			On account of previous year.	On account of year under report	On account of previous year.	On account of year under report.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor ...	(*a*) 51	46,886	(*a*) 63	46,874	51	46,823	...	...	65
	Damoh ..	6,025	27,241	1	33,265	6,023	27,239	2	1	11
	Jubbulpore ..	3,337	61,574	210	64,701	3,337	61,364	...	...	55
	Mandla ...	(*b*) 62	15,730	36	15,756	61	15,687	1	7	13
	Seoni ...	...	16,854	27	16,827	...	16,827	...	...	(*c*) 22
	Total ...	9,475	1,68,285	337	1,77,423	9,472	1,67,940	3	8	166
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur ...	...	35,773	8	35,765	...	35,765	...	...	7
	Hoshangabad ...	65	43,765	(*c*) 12	43,418	65	43,353	...	...	3
	Nimar ...	473	40,206	(*b*) 12	40,667	452	40,173	21	21	16
	Betul ...	...	15,877	34	15,843	...	15,843	...	...	33
	Chhindwara ...	...	(*a*) 21,255	12	21,243	...	21,243	...	...	11
	Total ...	538	1,56,476	78	1,56,936	517	1,56,377	21	21	70
NAGPUR ...	Wardha ..	...	47,598	1	47,597	...	47,597	...	...	55
	Nagpur ..	...	77,940	17	77,923	...	77,923	...	...	6
	Chanda ...	..	23,424	1	23,423	...	23,423	...	...	...
	Bhandara ..	...	33,110	(*a*) 9	33,101	...	33,101	...	...	3
	Balaghat ...	(*b*) 23	19,490	9	19,504	23	19,477	...	4	2
	Total ...	23	2,01,562	37	2,01,548	23	2,01,521	...	4	66
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur ...	3	49,267	(*b*) 178	49,032	3	49,029	...	...	131
	Bilaspur ...	2	41,313	16	41,299	2	41,297	...	...	43
	Drug ...	12	40,254	(*a*) 63	40,203	12	40,191	...	...	10
	Total ...	17	1,30,774	257	1,30,534	17	1,30,517	...	...	184
	GRAND TOTAL ...	10,053	6,57,097	709	6,66,441	10,029	6,56,355	24	33	486

JUBBULPORE DIVISION.

(*a*) Increase due to revision of Settlement.

(*b*) Excludes Rs. 5, remitted.

(*c*) Includes Re. 1 on account of the previous year which could not be adjusted during the year under report.

NERBUDDA DIVISION.

(*a*) Includes Rs. 3,399 on account of revision of settlement.

(*b*) Includes Rs. 7 collected in advance in the previous year, but not taken into account through oversight.

(*c*) Excludes Re. 1, refunded.

NAGPUR DIVISION.

(*a*) Last year's figure was incorrect.

(*b*) Includes Re. 1 on account of rounding of figures.

CHHATTISGARH DIVISION.

(*a*) Includes Rs. 4 remitted in previous year, but not taken into account then.

(*b*) Excludes Re. 1, refunded.

STATEMENT F.—Showing Demand and Collections during the Revenue year ending the 30th September 1916.—(Concld.)

PART IV.—MISCELLANEOUS LAND REVENUE.

Division.	District.	Demand.		Collected in advance during previous year.	Net demand (total of columns 3 and 4 *minus* column 5).	Collections.		Balance.		Collected in advance on account of the year following.
		Balance from previous year.	For year under report.			On account of previous year.	On account of year under report.	On account of previous year (column 3 *minus* column 7).	On account of year under report (column 4 *minus* total of columns 5 and 8).	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE.	Saugor ...	80	15,320	...	15,400	80	15,299	...	21	...
	Damoh ...	...	911	...	911	...	911	...	...	...
	Jubbulpore ...	...	16,973	...	16,973	...	16,973	...	...	...
	Mandla ...	(a)	1,113	(a)	1,113	...	1,113	...	...	...
	Seoni ...	...	1,505	...	1,505	...	1,505	...	...	...
	Total ...	80	35,822		35,902	80	35,801	...	21	...
NERBUDDA.	Narsinghpur ...	7,300	12,374	...	19,674	7,300	6,374	...	6,000	1
	Hoshangabad ...	...	2,162	502	1,660	...	1,620	...	40	603
	Nimar ...	...	3,240	...	3,240	...	3,240	...	...	...
	Betul ...	(a) 29	1,902	(b) 435	1,496	29	1,467	...	...	420
	Chhindwara ...	...	22,765	...	22,765	...	22,765	...	...	...
	Total ...	7,329	42,443	937	48,835	7,329	35,466	...	6,040	1,024
NAGPUR.	Wardha ...	305	18,527	...	18,832	...	18,527	305	...	...
	Nagpur ...	37	17,196	...	17,233	37	17,185	...	11	...
	Chanda ...	1	15,017	...	15,018	1	13,592	...	1,425	...
	Bhandara ...	3,808	24,440	...	28,248	3,808	23,900	...	540	...
	Balaghat ...	...	34,835	...	34,835	...	34,835	...	...	...
	Total ...	4,151	1,10,015	...	1,14,166	3,846	1,08,039	305	1,976	...
CHHATTISGARH.	Raipur ...	28	3,717	67	3,678	28	3,650	...	...	67
	Bilaspur ...	(a)	3,033	...	3,033	...	3,033	...	...	...
	Drug ...	55	1,301	33	1,323	55	1,268	...	...	185
	Total ...	83	8,051	100	8,034	83	7,951	...	...	252
	GRAND TOTAL ...	11,643	1,96,331	1,037	2,06,937	11,338	1,87,257	305	8,037	1,276

JUBBULPORE DIVISION.

(a)—Excludes malikana revenue which is included in Statement F, Part II.

NERBUDDA DIVISION.

(a) Last year's demand in column 4 was shown short of this amount.

(b) This was an advance collection collected out of the demand not due for collection till November 1915.

CHHATTISGARH DIVISION.

(a) Rs. 37 shown as arrears in the last year's statement was recovered in June 1915.

STATEMENT G—Showing Coercive Processes used in collection of Land Revenue under *ending the 30th*

Division.	District.	Notice of demand under Section 93.			Arrest under Section 94 (a).		
		Total number of mahals in district.	Number of notices of demand issued.	Amount of revenue involved.	Number of defaulters brought to district or tahsil head-quarters under a warrant of arrest.	Number of defaulters imprisoned in Civil Jail.	Amount of revenue involved.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
				Rs.			Rs.
JUBBULPORE	Saugor	(a) 2,251	51	13,589	8	...	2,649
	Damoh	(b) 1,459	1	2,287	4	...	373
	Jubbulpore	2,570	42	22,423	23	...	12,896
	Mandla	(c) 2,015	86	10,113	3	...	244
	Seoni	1,732	45	5,301	...	...	...
	Total	10,027	225	53,713	38	...	16,162
NERBUDDA	Narsinghpur	1,309	122	20,654	1	...	152
	Hoshangabad	1,456	54	13,637	3	...	440
	Nimar	811	11	2,494	...	...	...
	Betul	1,223	35	4,231	...	...	...
	Chhindwara	1,428	3	323	2	...	247
	Total	6,227	225	41,339	6	...	839
NAGPUR	Wardha	1,903	43	7,489	5	...	2,934
	Nagpur	2,496	70	14,793	6	...	9,964
	Chanda	1,705	21	1,752	14	...	3,319
	Bhandara	1,600	43	30,090	...	...	...
	Balaghat	1,440	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	9,144	177	54,124	25	...	16,217
CHHATTISGARH	Raipur	2,158	59	15,918	(a) 3	...	370
	Bilaspur	2,016	20	10,359	2	...	728
	Drug	1,720	23	4,650	22	...	3,313
	Total	5,894	102	30,927	27	...	4,411
	GRAND TOTAL	31,292	729	1,80,103	96	...	37,629

JUBBULPORE

(a) Represents number of Mahals as against number of villages shown in
(b) Reduction of one Mahal is due to the acquisition of
(c) Last year's figure

CHHATTISGARH

(a) 31 Warrants of arrest were issued, but only 3 defaulters were brought

Sections 93 and 94 of the Central Provinces Land Revenue Act during the Revenue year September 1916.

Attachment and sales of property under Section 94 (*b*).				Attachment, transfer, or sale of estate in respect of which arrear accrued, or of other immovable property belonging to defaulter, Section 94 (*c*), (*d*), (*e*), (*f*) and (*g*).					Remarks.
Number of attachments ordered.	Number of attachments effected.	Number of sales carried out.	Amount of revenue involved.	Number of estates attached and held under management [Clause (*c*)].	Number of estates transferred [Clause (*d*)].	Number of estates the Settlement of which was annulled [Clause (*e*)].	Number of estates or properties sold [Clauses (*f*) and (*g*).]	Amount of Revenue involved.	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			Rs.					Rs.	
261	59	4	1,25,049	...	...	...	...	...	
334	67	3	67,115	...	...	...	...	...	
210	100	6	59,340	1	...	...	...	1,819	
269	37	5	13,803	..	...	...	..	...	
447	23	3	29,153	...	...	...	...	...	
1,521	286	21	2,91,460	1	...	...	...	1,819	
114	53	4	27,268	...	...	...	...	...	
122	30	1	34,673	1	...	...	...	66	
51	12	1	8,078	2	...	...	...	585	
71	9	...	8,901	...	...	...	...	...	
290	32	..	64,025	...	...	...	...	...	
648	136	6	1,42,945	3	...	...	...	651	
102	18	...	38,063	...	...	...	...	...	
187	36	1	55,122	...	...	...	...	...	
63	2	...	8,922	...	...	...	...	...	
309	36	...	57,961	..	...	...	...	...	
49	10	...	6,007	1	...	...	...	330	
710	102	1	1,66,075	1	...	...	...	330	
313	31	...	53,979	...	...	...	...	...	
140	22	...	33,473	...	...	...	...	...	
172	14	...	31,001	...	...	...	...	...	
625	67	...	1,18,453	...	...	...	...	...	
3,504	591	28	7,21,933	5	...	...	...	2,800	

DIVISION.

previous year.
Ryotwari village for water-works.
was incorrect.

DIVISION.

to Tahsil head-quarters and were released on paying up the arrears.

STATEMENT H—Showing the extent and amount of Land Revenue Assignments

Division.	District.		For maintenance of public			
			Number.	Area.	Reve	
					Assessable.	Realizable.
1	2		3	4	5	6
				Acres.	Rs.	Rs.
	Saugor	...	15	80	31	4
	Damoh	...	28	158	96	...
JUBBULPORE ...	Jubbulpore	...	(a)	...	...	...
	Mandla	...	404	(b) 5,946	(b) 2,118	...
	Seoni	...	44	627	173	...
	Total	...	491	6,811	2,418	4
	Narsinghpur	...	...	...	...	...
	Hoshangnbad	...	4	70	13	...
NERBUDDA ...	Nimar	...	166	2,867	1,308	...
	Betul	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhindwara	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	...	170	2,937	1,321	...
	Wardha	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur	...	...	...	...	...
NAGPUR ...	Chanda	...	...	...	...	...
	Bhandara	...	...	...	...	...
	Balaghat	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	...	...	...	...	...
	Raipur	...	...	...	...	...
CHHATTISGARH ...	Bilaspur	...	...	...	...	...
	Drug	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	...	...	...	...	...
	GRAND TOTAL	...	661	9,748	3,739	4

existing at the end of the Revenue year ending the 30th September 1916.

servants.	On other grounds.					Remarks.
nue.	Number.	Area.	Revenue.			
Assigned.			Assessable.	Realizable.	Assigned.	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Rs.		Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	JUBBULPORE DIVISION.
27	539	70,386	32,717	1,272	31,445	(*a*) Represents the figures according to the new printed muafi register.
96	89	107,628	30,139	8,581	21,558	
...	333	255,986	96,801	35,769	61,032	(*b*) Increase is due to one village being changed into muafi.
(*b*) 2,118	40	19,023	5,658	2,194	3,474	
173	110	149,406	28,654	5,498	23,156	
2,414	1,111	602,429	1,93,979	53,314	1,40,665	
...	151	31,649	13,375	4,139	9,236	
13	116	66,159	36,677	3,191	33,486	
1,368	1,247	194,647	91,273	6,654	84,619	
...	80	20,343	3,715	1,957	1,758	
...	255	93,066	30,833	20,153	10,680	
1,321	1,849	405,864	1,75,873	36,094	1,39,779	
...	273	77,750	59,312	21,229	38,083	
...	698	221,115	1,24,606	49,997	74,609	
...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	101	51,460	18,029	8,152	9,877	
...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	1,072	350,325	2,01,947	79,378	1,22,569	
...	41	50,165	14,061	...	14,061	CHHATTISGARH DIVISION.
...	35	(*a*) 28,422	(*a*) 11,843	2,025	9,818	(*a*) Excludes 1,208 acres and Rs. 534 on account of muafi resumption.
...	19	(*b*) 13,284	(*b*) 5,038	208	4,830	(*b*) Excludes 53 acres and Rs. 19 on account of muafi resumption.
...	95	91,871	30,942	2,233	28,709	
3,735	4,127	1,450,489	6,02,741	1,71,019	4,31,722	

STATEMENT J.—Showing Mutations in possession of Proprietary Rights due to sale or during the Revenue year ending

Division.	District.	Private Sales.			
		Number of mahals or shares in mahals.	Area.	Land revenue assessed or assessable.	Consideration money.
1	2	3	4	5	6
			Acres.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor ...	109	11,432	5,255	1,13,825
	Damoh ...	92	9,464	3,366	57,805
	Jubbulpore ...	166	26,619	11,519	2,22,399
	Mandla ..	47	27,239	2,603	1,05,118
	Seoni ...	49	15,374	2,850	1,62,540
	Total .	463	90,128	25,623	6,6:,687
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur ...	36	15,225	4,229	84,888
	Hoshangabad ..	18	5,906	2,020	43,638
	Nimar ...	75	11,860	5,332	80,803
	Betul ...	33	7,420	770	55,194
	Chhindwara ...	61	10,077	1,540	1,11,880
	Total ...	223	50,578	13,891	3,76,403
NAGPUR ...	Wardha ...	151	11,906	6,704	1,48,780
	Nagpur ...	93	11,261	10,634	1,96,656
	Chanda ...	61	8,283	1,896	41,665
	Bhandara ...	77	14,882	3,926	1,08,488
	Balaghat ..	26	5,208	1,622	60,514
	Total ..	408	51,630	24,782	5,56,303
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur ...	94	28,780	7,666	3,39,160
	Bilaspur ..	100	10,726	3,255	1,74,936
	Drug ...	107	17,587	6,100	3 08,251
	Total ..	301	57,093	17,021	8,22,347
	GRAND TOTAL ..	1,395	249,429	81,317	24,16,740

STATEMENT K.—Showing progress made in disposal of Partition Cases

Division.	District.	Number pending at beginning of year.	Number instituted during the year.	Total.	Number adjusted, withdrawn, or struck off in default, &c.	Number disposed of by actual partition.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor ...	...	3	3	1	...
	Damoh ..	7	11	18	3	3
	Jubbulpore ...	6	7	13	5	1
	Mandla ..	3	5	8	2	3
	Seoni ..	7	11	18	12	6
	Total ..	23	37	60	23	13
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur ...	4	6	10	4	4
	Hoshangabad ...	8	2	10	1	...
	Nimar ...	15	12	27	2	14
	Betul ...	6	21	27	21	3
	Chhindwara ...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	33	41	74	28	21
NAGPUR ...	Wardha ..	36	33	69	28	18
	Nagpur ...	11	19	30	8	12
	Chanda ...	12	5	17	2	11
	Bhandara ...	18	36	54	42	9
	Balaghat ..	12	6	18	9	...
	Total ...	89	99	188	89	50
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur ...	13	30	43	10	22
	Bilaspur ..	9	24	33	9	8
	Drug ...	23	28	51	23	6
	Total ...	45	82	127	42	36
	GRAND TOTAL ..	190	259	449	182	120

mortgage or lease, as registered under Section 125 of the Central Provinces Land Revenue Act the 30th September 1916.

Sale by order of Court in foreclosure or in execution of decrees.				Mortgage with possession and transfers by virtue of leases.			
Number of mahals or shares in mahals.	Area.	Land revenue assessed or assessable.	Consideration money.	Number of mahals or shares in mahals.	Area.	Land revenue assessed or assessable.	Consideration money.
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.		Acres.	Rs.	Rs.
14	2,024	676	6,909	17	9,973	3,760	17,172
18	2,212	629	8,687	19	5,075	1,496	11,062
22	2,178	1,380	23,737	27	18,200	5,903	16,711
5	1,071	136	5,866	1	568	21	500
8	2,087	471	6,426	1	909	180	2,000
67	9,573	3,292	51,595	65	34,815	11,360	47,445
15	9,589	8,430	58,474	8	9,745	4,681	48,464
6	5,288	1,685	48,699	8	3,131	1,528	35,535
10	2,797	2,001	27,300	7	2,082	1,662	9,200
8	6,971	309	40,123	2	254	37	700
26	7,665	704	17,642	19	15,173	1,140	16,524
65	32,310	13,129	1,92,238	41	30,385	9,048	1,10,423
24	3,581	1,792	36,258	7	2,940	2,416	6,351
29	7,748	5,102	1,13,422	...	...	...	...
23	6,473	1,011	12,014	...	...	...	...
6	360	143	5,100	...	...	...	...
5	1,010	205	3,550	5	1,011	404	1,114
87	19,172	8,253	1,70,344	12	3,981	2,820	7,465
7	2,085	642	11,452	1	176	52	150
9	2,630	878	26,852	1	970	1,458	2,330
3	511	247	16,500	...	...	...	...
19	5,226	1,767	54,804	2	1,146	1,510	2,480
238	66,281	26,441	4,68,981	123	70,327	24,738	1,67,813

under the Land Revenue Act during the Revenue year ending the 30th September 1916.

Total of columns 6 and 7.	Number pending at close of year.	Date of institution of oldest case pending.	Details of partitions effected during the year.			Remarks.
			Number of mahals formerly.	Number of mahals now.	Area partitioned.	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
					Acres.	
1	2	22-8-1916		...	...	
6	12	7-7-1915	3	22	3,067	
6	7	5-11-1915	3	4	671	
5	3	27-7-1916	3	6	4,196	
18	...	...	6	6	7,416	
36	24	...	15	38	15,350	
8	2	12-5-1916	4	9	3,618	
1	9	17-1-1912	...	...	...	
16	11	24-10-1914	14	46	16,671	
24	3	12-5-1915	3	10	2,486	
...	...	...	...	...	...	
49	25	...	21	65	22,775	
46	23	3-4-1913	22	46	20,108	
20	10	3-1-1916	15	34	13,060	
13	4	25-7-1915	9	31	15,813	
51	3	24-6-1915	9	32	7,121	
9	9	26-2-1913	...	...	...	
139	49	...	55	143	56,102	
32	11	19-12-1914	...	64	28,474	
17	16	19-8-1915	7	16	9,503	
29	22	17-4-1914	6	13	6,702	
78	49	...	13	93	44,679	
302	147	...	104	319	138,906	

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT L.—*Showing work under certain heads of Revenue Business during the Revenue year ending 30th September 1916.*

Heads of Business.	Division.	Number of cases.			Particulars of disposal.		
		Pending at commencement of year.	Instituted during year.	Disposed f during year.	Withdrawn, compromised or referred to Civil Court.	Rejected in default as time barred or after enquiry.	Decided wholly or partially in favour of applicants.
Land Revenue Act.							
I.—Enquiries into the claims of thekadars to protected status under Section 65 (*a*) [Section 132 (i)].	Jubbulpore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nerbudda ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhattisgarh ...	14	19	25	1	24	...
	Total ...	14	19	25	1	24	...
II.—Application by lambardar for recovery of an arrear (Section 116).	Jubbulpore ...	75	187	237	55	60	122
	Nerbudda ...	15	113	118	14	22	82
	Nagpur ...	15	93	101	21	44	36
	Chhattisgarh ...	12	31	33	8	7	18
	Total ...	117	424	489	98	133	258
Tenancy Act.							
III.—Application by tenant to deposit rent (Section 8)	bbulpore ...	...	30	24	5	9	10
	erbudda ...	...	116	115	6	18	91
	Nagpur ...	...	27	27	4	5	18
	Chhattisgarh ..	1	381	382	1	27	354
	Total ..	1	554	548	16	59	473
IV.—Application by tenant for imposing penalty on landlord for levying anything in excess of rent legally payable (Section 10).	Jubbulpore ...	3	40	39	9	15	15
	Nerbudda ...	3	11	13	3	4	6
	Nagpur ...	...	4	4	...	1	3
	Chhattisgarh ...	1	2	2	1	...	1
	Total ..	7	56	58	13	20	25
V.—Application by tenant for imposing penalty on landlord for refusing to grant receipt for rent paid (Section 12).	Jubbulpore ...	2	33	30	14	6	10
	Nerbudda ...	1	10	11	1	6	4
	Nagpur ..	...	20	19	4	11	4
	Chhattisgarh ...	1	5	5	3	2	...
	Total ...	4	68	65	22	25	18
VI.—Application by landlord to enhance rent because of improvements made by him (Section 13).	Jubbulpore ...	1	1	2	...	2	...
	Nerbudda ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	1	1	1	...	...
	Total ...	1	2	3	1	2	...
VII.—Application by tenant to have rent reduced owing to effect of improvement having ceased (Section 14).	Jubbulpore ...	1	2	3	...	1	2
	Nerbudda ...	...	3	3	...	2	1
	Nagpur ...	...	1	1	...	1	...
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	...	..	...	...	...
	Total ...	1	6	7	...	4	3
VIII.—Application to enhance, alter or commute rent (Sections 15 to 17).	Jubbulpore ...	3	3	5	1	2	2
	Nerbudda ...	...	37	36	...	2	34
	Nagpur ..	...	3	3	1	1	1
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	85	85	2	3	80
	Total ..	3	128	129	4	8	117
IX.—Application by tenant against landlord for illegally distraining produce of holding (Section 30).	Jubbulpore .	...	6	6	1	1	4
	Nerbudda ...	...	1	1	...	1	...
	Nagpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	7	7	1	2	4
X.—Application by landlord against person removing produce after service of distraint notice (Section 30).	Jubbulpore ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nerbudda ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	...		...	...	...
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
XI.—Application to be placed in possession of surrendered occupancy holding (Section 36).	Jubbulpore ...	4	17	14	4	7	3
	Nerbudda ...	14	35	37	16	8	13
	Nagpur	6	18	10	1	4	5
	Chhattisgarh ...	2	3	5	1	2	2
	Total ...	26	73	66	22	21	23
XII.—Application to transfer sir land [Section 45 (2)].	Jubbulpore ...	37	184	186	9	65	112
	Nerbudda ...	18	94	97	12	50	35
	Nagpur ...	36	216	219	25	112	82
	Chhattisgarh ...	28	145	137	5	67	65
	Total ...	118	639	639	51	294	294

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT L.—Showing work under certain heads of Revenue Business during the Revenue year ending 30th September 1916.—(Concld.)

Heads of Business.	Division.	Number of cases.			Particulars of disposal.		
		Pending at commencement of year.	Instituted during year.	Disposed of during year.	Withdrawn, compromised or referred to Civil Court.	Rejected in default as time barred or after enquiry.	Decided wholly or partially in favour of applicants.
XIII.—Application to set aside transfer made by occupancy tenant (Section 47).	Jubbulpore ...	9	28	33	9	15	9
	Nerbudda ...	6	42	32	6	9	17
	Nagpur ...	5	50	49	6	32	11
	Chhattisgarh ...	23	142	130	29	67	34
	Total ...	43	262	244	50	123	71
XIV.—Application to enhance rent of occupancy tenants (Section 51).	Jubbulpore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nerbudda ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
XV.—Declaration of sub-tenants to have rights of ordinary tenants (Section 61).	Jubbulpore ...	...	3	2	...	2	...
	Nerbudda ...	4	4	7	...	7	...
	Nagpur ...	...	7	6	1	5	...
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	4	14	15	1	14	...
XVI.—Service of notice of enhancement on ordinary tenant (Section 64).	Jubbulpore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nerbudda ...	...	8	8	1	...	7
	Nagpur ...	...	9	9	...	5	4
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	17	17	1	5	11
XVII.—Application by landlord for ejectment of tenant in default of agreeing to enhancement [Section 65 (2)].	Jubbulpore ..	4	...	4	2	1	1
	Nerbudda ...	...	1	1	1	...	...
	Nagpur ..	...	73	70	13	25	32
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	4	74	75	1	26	33
XVIII.—Application to set aside transfer made by ordinary tenant (Section 71).	Jubbulpore ...	10	19	25	12	12	1
	Nerbudda ...	1	3	2	...	1	1
	Nagpur ...	8	13	10	3	10	6
	Chhattisgarh ...	16	58	58	12	32	14
	Total ..	35	93	104	27	55	22
XIX.—Application to confer occupancy rights and to fix rent of holding for purposes of Section 73.	Jubbulpore ..	...	7	7	...	2	5
	Nerbudda ..	...	5	4	...	1	3
	Nagpur ...	3	3	6	...	4	2
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	1	1	...	...	1
	Total ..	3	16	18	...	7	11
XX.—Fixation of fair rent on a reference by the Civil Court (Section 78).	Jubbulpore ...	1	...	1	...	...	1
	Nerbudda ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur ...	...	1	1	...	1	...
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ..	1	1	2	...	1	1
XXI.—Application for execution of decree by ejectment of tenant (Sections 82 and 85).	Jubbulpore ...	103	676	618	53	140	425
	Nerbudda ...	102	515	508	57	133	318
	Nagpur ...	62	272	271	41	67	163
	Chhattisgarh ...	10	157	151	20	39	92
	Total ...	277	1,620	1,548	171	379	998
XXII.—Application by tenant for reinstatement after illegal ejectment (Section 92).	Jubbulpore ..	36	230	231	56	88	87
	Nerbudda ...	6	64	60	8	32	20
	Nagpur ...	12	85	83	13	29	41
	Chhattisgarh ...	5	87	84	24	35	25
	Total ...	59	466	458	101	184	173

STATEMENT M.—Showing principal Suits between Landlords and Tenants under the Central ending the

Division.	District.	Suits for arrears			
		Number disposed of during year.			Number of
		Compromised.	Decreed for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Decreed for defendant or dismissed in default.	Executed by sale of distrained produce.
1	2	3	4	5	6
JUBBULPORE	Saugor	55	569	131	9
	Damoh	56	530	116	...
	Jubbulpore	86	1,113	227	7
	Mandla	1	262	53	...
	Seoni	6	354	11	...
	Total ...	204	2,828	538	16
NERBUDDA	Narsinghpur	64	805	163	...
	Hoshangabad	110	722	94	98
	Nimar	38	321	71	...
	Betul	22	190	39	...
	Chhindwara	34	194	39	...
	Total ...	268	2,232	406	98
NAGPUR	Wardha	110	819	117	7
	Nagpur	46	1,000	134	286
	Chanda	14	225	50	...
	Bhandara	29	584	73	1
	Balaghat	30	109	37	...
	Total ...	229	2,737	411	294
CHHATTISGARH	Raipur	67	473	106	...
	Bilaspur	49	322	100	...
	Drug	34	344	52	...
	Total ...	150	1,139	258	...
	GRAND TOTAL ...	851	8,936	1,613	408

(*a*) Six cases have not been instituted

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of rent.			Suits for ejectment of tenants on the ground that the holding consists entirely of *sir* land or under Section 52 (*b*).			Suits by tenants for recovery of possession.		
decrees.			Number disposed of during year.			Number disposed of during the year.		
Transferred to Collector under Section 84.		Transferred to Revenue Officer under Section 85.	Compromised.	Decreed for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Decreed for defendant or dismissed in default.	Compromised.	Decreed for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Decreed for defendant or dismissed in default.
Total number transferred.	Number in which sale held by Collector during the year.							
7	8	7	10	11	12	13	14	15
15	...	160	3	5	6	1	1	...
39	4	130	...	...	1	...	4	10
53	...	272	...	...	...	3	7	24
...	...	34	...	...	...	...	6	15
...	...	53	1	11	...	2	5	6
107	4	649	4	16	7	6	23	55
41	1	244	1	...	...	1	...	1
39	6	205	...	4	1	...	1	5
5	...	44	...	...	...	...	3	3
...	35	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
5	...	74	1	4	2	...	1	5
90	42	567	2	8	3	1	6	16
14	1	81	...	...	...	...	2	2
46	1	175	2	...	...	11	13	12
3	1	29	...	...	...	2	6	9
3	...	44	6	5	...	1	...	4
1	1	(*a*) 15	...	...	...	8	33	16
67	4	344	8	5	...	22	54	43
1	1	64	...	...	1	11	11	23
...	...	51	...	...	...	6	17	16
2	...	34	...	2	...	4	11	22
3	1	149	...	2	1	21	39	61
267	51	1,709	14	31	11	50	122	175

during the year, hence the difference, in institution against side-head XXI of Statement L.

STATEMENT N.—Giving details of land sold by Collector under precept

Division.	District.	Number of sales ordered by Civil Courts.			Number of cases in which sale has been averted by payment of claim.	Number of cases in which sale has been averted by temporary alienation.
		Pending at close of preceding year.	During the year.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Jubbulpore ...	Saugor ...	80	146	226	68	5
	Damoh ...	69	111	180	39	...
	Jubbulpore ...	116	179	295	105	4
	Mandla ...	6	21	27	9	...
	Seoni ...	15	44	59	8	...
	Total ...	286	501	787	229	9
Nerbudda ...	Narsinghpur ...	69	152	221	57	7
	Hoshangabad ...	113	304	417	129	9
	Nimar ...	127	191	318	58	3
	Betul ...	31	48	79	16	6
	Chhindwara ...	59	97	156	29	9
	Total ..	399	792	1,191	289	34
Nagpur ...	Wardha ...	188	238	426	128	...
	Nagpur ...	192	335	527	93	6
	Chanda ...	63	116	179	26	9
	Bhandara ...	65	153	218	57	1
	Balaghat ...	41	44	85	24	...
	Total ...	549	886	1,435	328	16
Chhattisgarh ...	Raipur ...	20	72	92	32	...
	Bilaspur ...	38	66	104	14	4
	Drug ...	38	79	117	23	...
	Total ...	96	217	313	69	4
	Grand Total ...	1,330	2,396	3,726	915	63

(a) Includes four cases in which ordinary

from Civil Courts during the Revenue year ending the 30th September 1916.

Number of cases in which sale has taken place.		Number of cases in which sale has been refused on the decree-holder refusing to take a lease on reasonable terms.	Number of cases struck off in default or otherwise.	Number of cases pending at close of year.	Result of sales of Revenue-paying property.				Number of years' purchase (column 16 on column 13).
Villages, shares of villages and malik-makbuza plots.	Absolute-occupancy holdings.				Amount of land revenue assessed on property transferred (column 8 only).	Price realized.	Add amount of encumbrances known to exist on the property at the time of sale.	Theoretical deduced price (total of columns 14 and 15).	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
					Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
5	16	2	44	86	20	1,031	...	1,031	51·55
6	21	1	23	90	396	3,533	4,564	8,097	20·45
35	41	...	47	63	1,794	8,249	5,264	13,513	7·53
4	...	...	8	6	252	2,544	3,550	6,094	24·18
6	2	...	30	13	143	3,289	2,225	5,514	38·56
56	80	3	152	258	2,605	18,646	15,603	34,249	13·15
13	19	...	29	96	2,781	26,930	...	26,930	9·68
9	58	...	31	181	995	29,051	...	29,051	29·20
64	1	...	64	128	1,602	58,080	6,316	64,396	40·19
3	5	4	18	27	127	1,440	...	1,440	11·34
18	33	1	16	50	322	10,728	17,000	27,728	86·11
107	116	5	158	482	5,827	1,26,229	23,316	1,49,545	25·66
21	39	...	93	145	1,028	20,367	1,575	21,942	18
39	(a) 57	15	145	172	4,061	1,80,649	710	1,81,359	44·65
27	25	...	35	57	394	6,204	1,418	7,622	19·34
7	14	...	62	77	164	4,924	3,355	8,279	50·48
...	8	...	12	41	...	...	...	...	...
94	143	15	347	492	5,647	2,12,144	7,058	2,19,202	38·81
5	18	...	14	23	153	8,605	...	8,605	56·24
2	17	7	31	29	25	525	1,170	1,695	67·80
2	5	...	35	52	96	2,560	...	2,560	26·66
9	40	7	80	104	274	11,690	1,170	12,860	46·93
266	379	30	737	1,336	14,353	3,68,709	47,147	4,15,856	29·67

holdings and three of occupancy holdings were sold.

STATEMENT O.—*Showing general Revenue Business transacted*

Division.	District.	Cultivated area of district in square miles.	Population.	Number of villages.	Land Revenue excluding cesses.	Number of cases for disposal.		
						Pending at close of preceding year.	Instituted during the year.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
					Rs.			
	Saugor ...	1,635	541,410	2,081	8,08,510	265	3,550	3,815
	Damoh ...	995	333,047	(a) 1,393	4,69,454	581	4,327	4,908
JUBBULPORE	Jubbulpore ...	1,982	745,892	2,537	10,43,388	563	5,900	6,463
	Mandla ...	1,513	405,234	2,013	2,77,736	200	1,947	2,147
	Seoni ..	1,471	395,481	1,641	2,92,654	221	2,402	2,623
	Total ...	7,596	2,421,064	9,665	28,91,742	1,830	18,126	19,956
	Narsinghpur ...	995	325,677	1,104	6,36,183	158	2,285	2,443
	Hoshangabad ...	1,604	457,395	1,393	7,44,393	(b) 223	2,360	2,583
NERBUDDA ...	Nimar ...	1,444	391,071	1,143	5,94,430	412	2,102	2,514
	Betul ...	1,410	390,386	1,276	2,86,396	147	1,633	1,780
	Chhindwara ...	2,007	516,948	1,942	3,55,623	142	1,732	1,874
	Total ...	7,460	2,081,477	6,858	26,17,025	1,082	10,112	11,194
	Wardha ...	1,690	459,796	1,369	8,13,345	672	6,007	6,679
	Nagpur ...	2,262	809,901	1,939	13,33,902	860	8,231	9,091
NAGPUR ...	Chanda ...	3,747	677,544	2,966	3,74,288	211	2,852	3,063
	Bhandara ...	1,574	773,677	1,824	5,86,868	239	3,690	3,929
	Balaghat ...	786	388,920	1,188	3,30,172	181	1,599	1,780
	Total ...	10,059	3,109,838	9,286	34,38,575	2,163	22,379	24,542
	Raipur ...	3,822	1,324,856	(c) 4,321	7,74,328	186	4,306	4,492
CHHATTISGARH ...	Bilaspur ...	2,924	1,146,223	3,538	6,15,286	448	3,406	3,854
	Drug ...	2,615	775,688	2,624	6,51,792	(d) 228	2,824	3,052
	Total ...	9,361	3,246,767	10,483	20,41,406	862	10,536	11,398
	GRAND TOTAL .	34,476	10,859,146	36,292	1,09,88,748	5,937	61,153	67,090

during the Revenue-year ending the 30th September 1916.

Number of cases disposed of.	Number of cases pending at close of the year.	Number of cases pending more than—				Number of English letters in Revenue Department.		Remarks.
		Three months.	Six months.	Nine months.	Twelve months.	Issues.	Receipts.	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
3,601	214	21	7	4	24	996	1,689	
4,444	464	72	9	4	25	2,116	2,452	(a) Decrease of one village is due to the Ryotwari village of Rajnagar having been submerged into the Rajnagar Water-works tank.
5,953	510	11	1	4	7	2,451	2,740	
1,960	187	...	5	...	1	1,222	1,927	
2,403	220	12	4	3	3	1,297	2,142	
18,361	1,595	116	26	15	60	8,082	10,950	
2,138	305	24	9	5	37	1,259	1,888	
2,158	425	76	22	8	45	1,667	2,271	(b) Last year's figure was incorrect.
2,057	457	90	33	23	25	1,208	2,344	
1,652	128	15	3	2	2	868	1,547	
1,736	138	15	5	3	8	1,835	2,420	
9,741	1,453	220	72	41	117	6,837	10,470	
6,116	563	186	38	9	20	1,659	2,120	
7,841	1,250	211	115	59	63	3,716	4,390	
2,873	190	9	5	1	11	2,510	3,276	
3,693	236	25	5	1	7	2,396	3,120	
1,660	120	26	2	1	17	2,386	3,799	
22,183	2,359	457	165	71	118	12,667	16,705	
4,216	276	25	9	...	1	2,938	3,543	(c) Includes Zamindari villages while last year's figure excluded them.
3,609	245	6	3	2	5	1,232	1,462	
2,813	239	23	8	2	17	1,244	1,794	(d) Last year's figure was wrong.
10,638	760	54	20	4	23	5,414	6,799	
60,923	6,167	847	283	131	318	33,000	44,924	

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OPERATIONS OF THE LAND RECORDS AND SETTLEMENT DEPARTMENTS

IN THE

CENTRAL PROVINCES

DURING THE YEAR

1915-16

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FROM

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TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER,

LAND RECORDS DEPARTMENT,

Central Provinces.

Dated Nagpur, the 15th January 1917.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit herewith the Annual Report on the operations of the Land Records and the Settlement Departments of the Central Provinces for the year ending 30th September 1916.

2. The Hon'ble Mr. H. E. Hemingway held charge of the Departments till 22nd February 1916, when I succeeded him. Rao Sahib D. Laxmanswami, Extra-Assistant Commissioner, worked as Assistant Director from 11th February 1916 to 9th July 1916, after which date his services were placed at the disposal of the Superintending Engineer, Irrigation Branch, the post remaining vacant for the rest of the year under report.

I.—LAND RECORDS ESTABLISHMENT.

Revision of establishment.

3. The Patwari Halkabandis were revised and brought into force in Seoni, Nimar, Chhindwara and part of Betul district, resulting in an increase of 131 patwari circles mosty in Chhindwara and Seoni, where the conditions of many circles, had largely changed owing to the expansion of cultivation, following the opening up of the backward tracts by railways. On the other hand 11 patwari circles were abolished in the Narsinghpur district, where the number of Patwaris is large, and proposals for the abolition of 24 more circles have been submitted to the Local Administration. The necessity for the revision of the halkabandi of this district, as a whole, has been pointed out both by the Deputy Commissioner and the Divisional Commissioner, and this, as well as the revision of the halkabandi of the Chanda district, will be taken up in the immediate future.

Measures taken to improve the prospects of the staff.

4. In Saugor the revised halkabandi, which has lately been sanctioned but not yet introduced, will improve the prospects of the Patwari staff whose individual pay now is often less and never more than Rs. 10 a month. Proposals have also been received from the Deputy Commissioner, Narsinghpur, to raise the minimum pay of the Patwaris to Rs. 15. This will be considered when the complete revision has been worked out.

The post of the Land Records Clerk has been amalgamated with the District office staff in accordance with the revised office scheme, improving thereby the prospects of his promotion.

As a result of the amalgamation of the cadre of Superintendents of Land Records and their Assistants with the Subordinate Civil Service, eight Superintendents of Land Records and four Assistant Superintendents of Land Records were recruited from among the Tahsildars and Naib-Tahsildars.

On account of the somewhat technical nature of the Land Record work, it is not generally desirable to depute a young Naib-Tahsildar on first appointment to Land Record work; but after a couple of years' experience as Naib-Tahsildar, these men will be most valuable additions to the Land Record staff, where new blood has been needed in the past.

II.—Land Records Work.

5. Changes in the system of Land Records were mostly of a formal character. The only amendments of any importance to the rules which need a mention here were the following:—

Changes in the system of Land Records.

(1) A new Rule 17-A has been added to Appendix I of Revenue Book Circular III-1, prescribing half-yearly returns by the Revenue Inspectors of all the probationary Patwaris in their circles, to ensure prompt enquiry into the question of their confirmation or removal.

(2) Circle Note Books will now be maintained for all the ryotwari villages as authorized by amendment to Rule 3 of Revenue Book Circular III-6.

(3) Rule 62, Appendix I, of Revenue Book Circular III-1, has been amended to lessen the labour of preparing running total sheets.

(4) To enable the Sub-Divisional Officers to exercise control on the work of Patwaris, monthly progress returns, crop reports, and the reports on the occurrence of damage to crops are now submitted by the Revenue Inspectors to the Sub-Divisional Officers through the Tahsildars. Hitherto these reports were meant for the information of the Tahsildars alone.

(5) Sub-Divisional Officers have been empowered to grant leave to and make temporary appointments of Revenue Inspectors and Patwaris, and to inflict all punishments on the latter. Another reform needed is the change in the form of the diary of the Superintendent of Land Records which has my close attention.

6. The general condition of the maps is reported to be on the whole satisfactory. Wherever necessary defaced and worn out traces have been renewed during the rains as usual. In two Revenue Inspectors' Circles of Damoh district, however, this work is in arrears owing to press of work last year in connection with the issue of grazing certificates. In Nagpur new maps were given to all the Patwaris on drawing paper stoutly backed and bound, and the tracings of 81 villages of the Baloda Bazar Tahsil were made on blue-lined paper for the use of Patwaris; if these innovations are successful, they may replace the present paper traces in other districts also.

Condition of village maps including renewal of traces.

7. The boundary and traverse survey marks are generally reported to be in a satisfactory condition. In many districts the mukaddams realize their responsibility, and where necessary proper steps for their maintenance have been taken. In the districts of Seoni, Narsinghpur, Wardha and Chanda small fines were imposed on mukaddams to impress upon them their duty in this matter. In the Raipur district the permanent marks of traverse survey have disappeared entirely in a Zamindari village, and it is proposed to send a Survey party this season to replace them. A long standing dispute regarding the boundary of a village of the Khalsa and the Kanker State has also been settled recently in that district, and the village boundary marks removed by the Kanker tenants have been replaced.

Condition of (*a*) village boundary marks, (*b*) permanent marks for traverse survey stations, and (*c*) boundary marks of survey Nos. in ryotwari villages.

Attention is said to have been devoted to the maintenance of boundary marks of survey numbers in ryotwari villages. The Settlement Officer, Seoni, however, reports that last year these marks were not in good condition; and I have no doubt that a careful examination in other districts also would show unsatisfactory results.

8. Excluding the districts under settlement operations, the amount and quality of the testing of village papers by Revenue Inspectors is reported to be generally adequate, and in no case has the percentage of test fallen below the minimum prescribed for different districts. Bearing in mind, as the Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division, remarks, the apathy of the cultivators to come and attend on the Patwari at the time of his annual field inspection, and to bring to his notice the changes, if any, the percentage of errors discovered by the Revenue Inspector is nowhere high except in Chanda. The Deputy Commissioner, Chanda, is however sceptical about the accuracy of the check, a defect which could only be remedied by the supervising staff confining their attention to rechecking the work of the Revenue Inspectors.

Check of village records in districts not under settlement. (*a*) By Revenue Inspectors.

9. Except in Jubbulpore, Mandla, Narsinghpur, Raipur (Raipur charge) and Bilaspur districts, the check by the Superintendents of Land Records and their Assistants was generally satisfactory. The reports also indicate a decline in the tendency to devote all attention to testing unchecked numbers and neglect retesting the entries checked by Revenue Inspectors, save in the first two districts, where the proportion of entries checked by superior officers, which had previously been checked by Revenue Inspectors, was only 29 and 49, respectively. No explanation has been offered of the low outturn of check in Jubbulpore, Raipur and Bilaspur. In Mandla it is attributed to the Superintendent of Land Records and Assistant Superintendent of Land Records having been busy for nearly a month in the field season in the supervision of resurvey and settlement of six ryotwari villages, and in Narsinghpur to the changes in the office of the Superintendent of Land Records.

(b) By Superintendents of Land Records and Assistant Superintendents of Land Records.

10. The amount of testing done by Tahsildars and their Naibs was adequate except in Damoh, Narsinghpur, Nimar, Wardha, Chanda, Drug and Bilaspur districts.

(c) By Tahsildars and Naib-Tahsildars.

There has been no improvement in the inspection work by the Tahsil staff of the Burhanpur tahsil and the Wardha district, although this small outturn was pointed out in the preceding year's report. It is true that touring was somewhat restricted during the year, but more inspection could certainly have been done. The deficiency has been noticed by the Deputy Commissioners, and it has either been brought to the attention of the officers concerned, or the Sub-Divisional Officers have been asked to take the matter up. It is most desirable that Deputy Commissioners should insist on proper check by Tahsildars and Naib-Tahsildars; but every year there are a number of districts where the work is neglected.

The very large number of villages shown as checked by the Tahsildar and Naib-Tahsildar, Drug, cannot but be taken *cum grano salis*, as the Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division, observes. On the other hand the Tahsildar and Naib-Tahsildar of Burhanpur, and the Naib-Tahsildar, Bemetara, checked little more than one entry per village visited.

11. Considering the varied duties performed by the Deputy Commissioners, enough attention seems to have been paid by them to this work. It is, however, desirable that the Assistants should find more time to devote to it. Excluding the districts under settlement, the districts where the checking has been neglected are Jubbulpore, Damoh, Wardha, Nimar (Sub-Divisional Officers, Harsud and Burhanpur), Narsinghpur (Sub-Divisional Officer, Gadarwara) and Bilaspur. The work of the District Land Record staff proper is bound to improve in quality if the Assistants do some substantial rechecking of the work in their morning marches, particularly if they check fields that are not actually on the roadside.

(d) By Deputy Commissioners and their Assistants.

12. Mr. H. E. Hemingway and myself toured through the districts of Jubbulpore, Balaghat, Bhandara, Seoni, Chhindwara, Betul, Hoshangabad, Saugor and Narsinghpur, but these tours concern mainly the settlement operations. The Assistant Director inspected the Land Records and the Kanungos' offices of Chanda, Wardha, Nimar, Narsinghpur and Jubbulpore districts.

(e) By the Director of Land Records and the Assistant Director of Land Records.

13. The Kanungos checked an adequate number of jamabandi entries except in the Mandla, Jubbulpore, Nimar, Nagpur and Bilaspur districts where the check of the field numbers contained in the jamabandis was below 10 per cent prescribed by the rule.

(f) Check of jamabandis by Kanungos.

No explanation is forthcoming in the district reports about the shortage, and the very low outturn of check in the Bilaspur and the Mungeli tahsils is not creditable to the Tahsildars concerned. The percentage of errors discovered has a very wide range for the different districts, and personally I am of opinion that this part of the work is performed in a slovenly and perfunctory manner in many districts, the Patwaris who come in with the khasras doing the work for the Kanungo. The Superintendents of Land Records have not much work to do in the rains, and Deputy Commissioners might with advantage insist on inspection of the Kanungos' offices when the checking of jamabandis is actually in progress.

14. The village papers were generally speaking filed in time. There was some inevitable delay on account of rains in the filing of jamabandis in all the Divisions except the Nerbudda Division, where communications are comparatively good.

Degree of punctuality observed in filing village papers.

It is, however, gratifying to note that the delay was not serious except in the Ahiri circle of the Chanda district, where the jamabandis of 139 villages were filed over one month late. This was unavoidable in view of the changes in the office of the Revenue Inspector of that circle.

Condition of Kanungos, offices.

15. The Kanungos' offices are reported to be in a satisfactory condition everywhere save the Khandwa, Ramtek, Umrer, Brahmapuri and Mahasamund tahsils.

The Khandwa Kanungo besides being new and inexperienced is handicapped by the unwieldy nature of his charge, and the question of giving him an assistant is being considered by the Deputy Commissioner. Mr. Clarke has taken steps to replace the incumbents at Ramtek and Umrer by better men. The Brahmapuri office was found in an unsatisfactory state by the Assistant Director, but the Kanungo is reported to have since shown some improvement. The heavy arrears at the close of the year in Muhasamund were due partly to the permanent incumbent having proceeded on sick leave, but mainly to the exceptionally heavy charge, and the Deputy Commissioner is making out a case for the appointment of an assistant.

Issue of sanads for agricultural improvements.

16. During the year under report 2,471 sanads were granted against 328 in the preceding year. The most noticeable increase is in Nagpur, where as many as 2,136 sanads were issued at announcement. In Damoh and Raipur satisfactory results were obtained; thanks to the efforts of the two Deputy Commissioners. Saugor and Chhindwara districts are conspicuous by the absence of any sanads given.

Miscellaneous work.

17. Besides the sale of quinine entrusted to the Patwaris in certain districts, the survey of unsurveyed villages, the map correction of bad maps, the issue of commutation lists of nistar and paidawar, the grant of passes for country liquors, the instruction of the village school-boys in Patwari papers, assisting the Agricultural Department, and the Co-operative Credit Societies, and in the management of Government irrigation tanks transferred to the Revenue Department, all of which duties were discharged satisfactorily, the most important work allotted to the Land Record staff has been the issue and check of grazing certificates. Many of the District reports speak very favourably of the work done in this connection both by the Patwaris and the superior Land Record staff, and only in 7 cases in Mandla, Betul, Chanda and Wardha districts, had the Patwaris to be punished for bad work. The issue of these certificates, however, opens a door to fraud which, I am afraid, has not been detected in many cases. The checking staff should in future enquire without fail into any large increase in the number of ploughs, for a few cases that came to my notice show that the Patwari has frequently magnified the number of ploughs in the interest of the tenant. There have been complaints that the standard of 50 per cent of the check by the Revenue Inspectors is impossible, and I agree personally that a smaller amount of thorough check is far more valuable than a superficial check on a larger scale; it may suffice to leave the fixation of the standard of the check to the Deputy Commissioners, subject to the approval of the Divisional Commissioner.

III.—Conduct of the Land Record Staff.

Residence of Patwaris within their circles.

18. The percentage of Patwaris non-resident without permission has fallen in the following districts:—

Mandla	from	11·73	to	10·00
Jubbulpore	,,	4·22	to	3·47
Narsinghpur	,,	2·36	to	1·65
Nagpur	,,	6·03	to	4·60
Chanda	,,	7·73	to	1·00
Drug	,,	4·04	to	2·53
Raipur	,,	8·56	to	4·62
Bilaspur	,,	12·41	to	12·10

Chanda and Raipur show a marked improvement. Omitting Hoshangabad, Bhandara and Balaghat, the remaining seven districts exhibit an increase. As was anticipated in the last year's report, the number of unauthorized absentees has been remarkably high in Seoni, Betul and Chhindwara on account of the introduction of the revised Patwari halkabandis and also due to temporary reasons, such as transfers and new appointments. Some stringent measures are required to reduce the high percentage in Bilaspur and Mandla. Now that the quarterly returns of the residence of Patwaris are submitted to the Sub-Divisional Officers by the Revenue Inspectors, some improvement, may reasonably be expected in this matter.

19. Survey classes were, as usual, opened for the training of Patwaris and Patwari candidates at the Revenue Inspectors' head-quarters except in Narsinghpur and Balaghat, where there was no apparent need to start such classes. In Seoni the course of training could not be completed owing to the heavy rain in September. The very high percentage of passes in the Chhindwara district has been made the subject of criticism by the Commissioner, Nerbudda Division, who considers that either the abilities of Patwari candidates are much higher or the standard of efficiency required is much lower than elsewhere. The latter is probably the true reason.

Training of Patwaris.

20. The conduct and discipline of Patwaris has, on the whole, been good. The following table shows the disciplinary measures taken against Patwaris during the year under report as compared with the previous year :—

Conduct and discipline of Patwaris.

	In 1914-15.	In 1915-16.
Total number of Patwaris in Central Provinces...	4,795	4,915
Dismissals	95	114
Reductions	41	45
Fines	1	1
Suspensions	232	220
Transfers	112	94
Total ...	481	474
...	10·03%	9·64%

The punishments were inflicted mostly for neglect of work, misconduct and non-residence without permission. It will appear from the above figures that there is a slight improvement in the punishment roll since the preceding year. Raipur returns the largest number of punishments ; the increase is not, however, due to any deterioration in the staff, but to closer and more effective supervision. In Seoni, Betul and Bhandara the Settlement Officers were compelled to adopt severe measures to control a large staff of unruly Patwaris who tried to shirk the hard work imposed on them by the inception of settlement operations in those districts.

The extension of graded pay to all the districts of the Provinces may make it possible to maintain better discipline among the Patwaris.

There has been an appreciable decrease in the number of transfers. In the Raipur district a reward of Rs. 500 was distributed to the Revenue Inspectors and the Patwaris for assistance to the Agricultural Department, and several deserving Patwaris in the districts under settlement were promoted as Additional Revenue Inspectors.

21. During the year under report 31 Revenue Inspectors had to be punished, mostly by reduction and fine, against 23 in the preceding year as exhibited in the subjoined statement :—

Revenue Inspectors, their qualifications, conduct and discipline.

Nature of punishment.	In 1914-15.	In 1915-16.
Dismissal	*Nil*	*Nil*
Reduction	7	12
Fine	10	14
Suspension	3	2
Transfer	3	3
	23	31

The Nagpur and the Chhattisgarh Divisions are responsible for most of the punishments, but excluding the bad bargains who are being weeded out in course of time, the Revenue Inspectors are reported to have carried out, on the whole, the work entrusted to them in a satisfactory way.

22. The district reports of Hoshangabad and Wardha are silent on the merits and demerits of their Superintendent of Land Records and Assistant Superintendent of Land Records. Mr. Ulfatrai, Superintendent of Land Records, Jubbulpore, is getting too old for the efficient discharge of his duties ; Mr. Hanuman Prasad Nigam, Superintendent of Land Records of Seoni, is said to have worked well and to be gaining experience, but lacks initiative and driving power ; Mr. Vithoba Babaji, Superintendent of Land Records of Chanda, and his two Assistants, Govindrao Mahajan and Abdul Rashid Khan, are reported to be hard-working, but they have marred the usefulness of their hard work by want of

Superintendents of Land Records, Assistant Superintendents of Land Records, their qualifications, conduct and discipline.

control over their subordinates. The work of the following officers has been favourably noticed:—

Mr. Gopalrao Chikte, Superintendent of Land Records, Nagpur.
„ Shridhar Rao Pusatker „ „ „ Nimar.
„ D. V. Kane „ „ „ Chhindwara.
„ J. N. Jesudason „ „ „ Balaghat.
„ Shamrao Jadhao „ „ „ Damoh.

The work of the Assistant Superintendents of Land Records is reported to be generally efficient, and the following may be mentioned:—

Kesho Govind, Assistant Superintendent of Land Records, Nimar.
W. R. Wachasunder „ „ „ „ Drug.
Purshottamlal „ „ „ „ Raipur.

In the Chanda District 3 cases came to light in which personal allowances were wrongly drawn, in one case for nearly 12 years and in two for nearly 5 years after the proper recipients in whose favour they were sanctioned had ceased to work as Patwaris, and sanction of the Local Administration had to be obtained to the writing off of the excess amount of Rs. 447-8-0 paid. The Deputy Commissioner, Chanda, is unable to fix the responsibility for this irregularity. The matter should certainly have been discovered by the Superintendent of Land Records and the Land Records clerk who worked during that period. At the instance of the Financial Commissioner the matter was further investigated in other districts of the Province, but no more cases were detected.

In the work of the Superintendents of Land Records and Assistant Superintendents of Land Records there is one serious defect which is seldom absent. They discover bad work of the field staff; but unless the faults are serious enough to merit a separate report and punishment, no further action is taken. In diaries I have noted many entries of faults detected; a report is called for from the Revenue Inspector; and then nothing further is done. The result is that field work seldom improves. If the Superintendent of Land Records and his superior officer would insist on obtaining better results in every case where he has reason to find fault, we should soon have fewer Patwaris whose record is a list of warnings only. But with very few exceptions the superior staff enter their comments of bad work discovered in their diaries and there the matter quietly ends.

IV.—Utilization of Land Records.

Circle Note Books.

23. The Circle Note Books have been written up in time everywhere except in the districts under settlement; there the revised figures will be entered after announcement. No Note Books are reported to have been opened for ryotwari villages in Mandla, Nimar and Chanda districts for want of printed forms, but these will, it is hoped, be supplied shortly.

Village Note Books.

24. The village Note Books are reported to be generally in a fair condition and to have been brought up-to-date, except in the districts under map correction and settlement. There has been some delay in the completion of 8 Village Note Books in Wardha and 90 in Chanda, and the Deputy Commissioners have taken action in the matter. New Note Books were supplied to 215 villages in the Mandla district and for all the villages in the Nagpur district.

PART II.—OPERATIONS OF THE SETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT.

25. *General.*—The Settlement programme for the year included:—

(*a*) Revision of the assessment in Saugor, Nagpur, Hoshangabad, Chhindwara, Balaghat, Seoni and Bhandara districts.
(*b*) Map Correction in Chhindwara, Seoni, Bhandara and Betul districts.
(*c*) Preparation of the inception report for Betul district.

I.—The Revenue Settlement of Malguzari Villages.

Mr. G. L. Corbett, I.C.S., Settlement Officer.
Assistant Settlement Officers—Messrs. Manzur Ahmad and Syed Azmat Ali.

26. *Saugor.*—Attestation, except in one village, had been completed during the preceding season; and the programme for the year included submission of Rent-rate and Assessment Reports for 553 villages of the Khurai tahsil, and announcement of the revised rents and revenue in 810 villages, covering 1,237 square miles. For the Khurai tahsil a revised revenue Forecast Report was found necessary for reimposition of abated rents coupled with a large spontaneous rise in assets had shown the original forecast to be unduly low. Orders on this report were not received until late in the season, but the announcement was completed successfully during the year except in four villages and the revised demand was collected

without difficulty. The enhanced rents and revenue have been accepted willingly except by one or two large landlords who objected to any valuation being placed upon land which they had deliberately kept waste. Appeals against rents in this district have been very rare, and this is without doubt due to the tact and patience of the Settlement Officer, Mr. Corbett, who was always present at the actual announcement of rents.

Shortly after the year closed, the work was completed, the staff dispersed and the Settlement Office closed. Mr. Manzur Ahmad, Assistant Settlement Officer, was in charge of the work at the end of the year, when Mr. Corbett went on leave; but the latter has since returned in order to submit the Saugor and Khurai Tahsil Reports, and the final report for the whole district. Before proceeding on leave Mr. Corbett prepared a fresh Patwari Halkabandi for the district.

27. *Nagpur.*—In this district also the work of the year was confined to assessment and announcement. Assessment Reports were submitted for 520 villages covering 881 square miles, chiefly in the Umrer and Katol tahsils; but the announcement work included 82 villages of the Irrigation group in the Ramtek tahsil also, as well as the small Suburban group. This programme was completed during the year; the report work, including the Tahsil Reports for four tahsils, and the draft of the District final report, was completed before Mr. Dyer left the district on leave in March.

Mr. J. F. Dyer, I.C S., Settlement Officer.
Assistant Settlement Officers —Messrs. Chhotelal, Balwant Rao and K. R. Rhotker.

The announcement and completion of the records were carried out by Mr. Chhotelal, Assistant Settlement Officer, and the record work was not quite finished at the close of the year. The delay was mainly due to the institution of a number of appeals which required investigation and report by the Assistant Settlement Officer in charge; in all 257 appeals against rents and 40 against revenue were filed in my Court. Though appeals were numerous, few cases of real hardship owing to rent or revenue enhancement have been put forward; in one group in particular, the Suburban, many of the appeals seem to have been filed because it is an accepted principle that every appealable decision should be carried to the Appellate Court however small their sum involved may be.

At the close of the year the staff was transferred to other districts with the exception of Mr. Chhotelal, Assistant Settlement Officer, who remained to complete the revision of the Patwari Halkabandi.

28. *Hoshangabad.*—The field work in Hoshangabad consisted of the attestation of the Harda tahsil, and the announcement of revised rents and revenue in Sohagpur. 453 villages covering 846 square miles were attested and inspected by the end of March. The announcement was entrusted to Mr. Chhaganlal, Assistant Settlement Officer, and the the new demand was on the whole received by tenants and proprietors with equanimity. The attestation of this district is now completed, and it was found possible to curtail the staff and expenditure considerably before the close of the year. The work now remaining in this district is the assessment and announcement of Hoshangabad, Seoni and Harda tahsils, and the final reports; the field work preliminary to assessment has been completed by Mr. Gowan with promptitude, and the promotion of the senior Assistant Settlement Officer, Mr. Chhaganlal, to the post of Extra-Assistant Commissioner during the year is a fitting reward for that officer's loyal and energetic work.

Mr. H. C. Gowan, I.C.S., Settlement Officer.
Assistant Settlement Officers —Messrs. Chhaganlal, Madho Rao, Shankernath, Beniprasad and C. Anthony.

29. *Chhindwara.*—In this district Mr. Irwin had a very heavy programme of field work in the attestation of the Sausar tahsil and the Jagirs; but, owing to the unhealthy character of the tract, his staff was seldom at full strength during the first part of the season, and Mr. Irwin's own health gave way for a time. In spite of these difficulties the programme would have been completed if the rains had not broken earlier than usual, while the parties were working in the Jagirs. 434 khalsa villages covering 757 square miles and 503 jagirdari villages covering 1,523 miles were attested, leaving a balance of only 14 jagir villages for attestation next season. The country, particularly in the Jagirs, is broken and the villages are small; but communications are poor, and the whole staff, from Mr. Irwin downwards, deserve great credit for the amount of good work performed during the year. Rents and revenue were announced during the season in 648 villages of the Chhindwara tahsil covering 924 square miles; this work also was hampered by temporary casualties among the staff, but it was completed before the close of the year.

Mr. C. J. Irwin, I.C.S., Settlement Officer.
Assistant Settlement Officers —Messrs. Chunnilal, D.V. Kane, Ramanand, M. A. Khalique, Gourishankar, R. C. Sinha and Seetaram Dattatrya.

In addition to the assessment reports which fell due during the year, Mr. Irwin submitted proposals for revising the jagirdari takolis during the year.

30. *Balaghat.*—In Balaghat 434 villages, covering 1,054 square miles, remained for attestation during the year; this work was completed by the end of April, and Mr. De finished the inspection of field records in May. The revised demand was announced in 413 villages attested the previous year; of this number 238 villages are in the West Wainganga tract where the settlement had already expired, but Mr. De managed to complete the announcement of these villages before the demand fell due, and it was collected during the year.

Mr. B. N. De, I.C.S., Settlement Officer.
Assistant Settlemeat Officers —Messrs. Chhotelal Verma, Ramrao Sheoram, W. B. Ghate and Sheocharanlal.

In this district revision has been less profitable to the malguzars than it has been, generally speaking, in other districts: it is true that rents have been freely enhanced, and additional income thus secured to the proprietors; but at the same time there has been a large spontaneous rise in assets during the current settlement, and since this additional income is largely from forest, which has risen considerably in value since the tract was opened up by the railway and roads in recent years, some diminution of the malguzars' net profits is inevitable; the revenue is extremely light and for some years the malguzars have enjoyed practically all the additional profit, paying but a minute portion of it as revenue. At the close of the year Mr. De submitted further assessment proposals to reduce the demand wherever the fluctuating character of the income afforded any reason for reconsideration.

Appeals against rents in this district were semewhat numerous when announcement first started: but the majority of these early appeals were joint memorials purporting to have been signed by numerous tenants, and when the signatories were asked to submit their cases separately, it became evident that few of them had any objection to their rents, and the majority had signed practically in ignorance of the contents of the application.

In this district also it was found possible to reduce the staff considerably before the end of the year.

31. *Seoni.*—Orders for revision of settlement in this district were received in the end of November. Mr. Hamilton, who had been attached to the district as Assistant Commissioner, was then posted as Settlement Officer, and a staff of 3 Assistant Settlement Officers and 50 Additional Revenue Inspectors were appointed to the district. The staff required training in local conditions, and operations were also hampered by a severe outbreak of plague at the head-quarters; but in spite of the delay 258 villages, covering 448 square miles, were attested by Assistant Settlement Officers in the Seoni tahsil. The country covered was broken and difficult during the first part of the season, and Mr. Hamilton had some difficulty in obtaining uniformity of work from the new staff. Maps in this portion of the Seoni District had been corrected the previous year; in the year under report the Map Correction Party, under Mr. Sinclair Jones, worked in the Lakhnadon tahsil principally, and completed the correction of 610 square miles. The correction of maps and records in this district is a difficult task, for various reasons, and the progress made is satisfactory.

Mr. K. L. B. Hamilton, I.C.S., Settlement Officer.
Assistant Settlement Officers, —Messrs. A. Sinclair Jones Punchamlal, Gourishanker and S. Abdul Jabbar.

Rent-rate and Assessment Reports for two groups, as well as a forecast report for the Seoni tahsil, were prepared by Mr. Hamilton during the year, and submitted shortly after the year closed.

32. *Bhandara.*—In Bhandara revision was sanctioned in January 1916, and Mr. Gordon did not get his staff started in the field till nearly a month later; as in Seoni they came from other districts and required careful training. The training here was even more tedious than in Seoni, for a large proportion of the rice land in Bhandara is irrigated, and it is difficult to obtain uniformity in the valuation of the irrigation tanks; none of the Assistant Settlement Officers had much experience of a rice district. I ordered work to be closed early in May in order that the staff might have a full five months in office preparing records for the next season; the area actually attested was 160 villages of the Bhandara and Tumsar Tahsils covering 306 square miles. The maps in the former tahsil had been corrected in previous year and were found in good order; during the year under report the Map Correction Party under Mr. Durga Prasad completed the correction work in 603 villages of the Gondia tahsil, but the office

Mr. E. Gordon, I.C.S., Settlement Officer.
Assistant Settlement Officers —Messrs. Atmaram Venkatesh, Balwant Rao, S. Azmat Ali and Durga Prasad.

work in this branch dealing with those villages was not quite complete at the close of the year.

Mr. Gordon submitted a Forecast Report for the Bhandara tahsil and Assessment Reports of two groups at the close of the year. For the current season his field staff has been increased, and during the year he hopes to complete the work in Bhandara tahsil and a portion of Gondia tahsil which is to be transferred to Balaghat district adjoining.

Mr. G. C. Trench, I.C.S., Settlement Officer.
Assistant Settlement officers—Messrs. A. D. P. Lancaster and Shankernat.

33. *Betul.*—Map correction prior to resettlement was started in this district by Mr. Lancaster, Assistant Settlement Officer, and a staff of eight Additional Revenue Inspectors working under the Deputy Commissioner. Maps were corrected in 496 villages covering 929 square miles in the Betul tahsil.

Mr. Trench, I.C.S., was posted to the district during the year to prepare a Forecast Report. This report was submitted in April and orders to undertake revision were received on 5th September 1916; a full staff has been posted to the district in the current year under Mr. Trench.

II.—Correction of Maps and Records preparatory to resettlement.

34. As noted in the preceding section, the map correction work was confined to Seoni, Bhandara and Betul districts: the outturn is summarized below:—

	Number of villages.	Area in square miles.
Seoni	431	610
Bhandara	603	1,256
Betul	496	929

Except in Bhandara district the country where map correction was in progress is very broken and field boundaries are seldom well defined except in the vicinity of the village. The progress made was satisfactory: but from inspection in Seoni and Bhandara districts I am of opinion that time and labour would be saved if the Map Correction Party could be put under the orders of the future Settlement Officer at an earlier date than is now the case. The Attesting Officers have seldom any fault to find with the actual survey of the land; but in such matters as renumbering of maps, amalgamation or separation of khudkasht fields it would be a great advantage if the requirements of the Attestation Party were more fully known at the outset by the Map Correction Officer.

III.—Surveys carried out.

35. *Traverse Survey.*—Mr. C. H. G. Johnson was in charge of the Traverse Party during the year. Besides work in Betul and Seoni districts, which fell in the regular annual programme mentioned in last year's report, the Assistant Settlement Officer was asked to undertake demarcation and survey of a short length of the Rewa-Mandla border and a longer stretch of boundary between the Sirguja State and Korea and Jashpur States in Chhattisgarh. In the two districts above mentioned sub-traverse lines were laid down in 612 villages.

The further programme of this section is now under consideration, for it appears probable that traversing of town areas will provide additional work in ensuing years.

IV.—Supply of Instruments and Stationery.

36. During the year the Instruments and Stationery Depôt attached to my office issued instruments and drawing materials to the value of Rs. 12,988 as detailed below:—

	Rs.
To Settlement Department	2,724
To Deputy Commissioners for use of Patwaris and Land Record work	9,235
To Feudatory States	495
Otherwise issued, including Berar	534
Total ...	12,988

The value of forms supplied through the Anjuman Islamia Press, Jubbulpore, amounted to Rs. 23,135 as shown below:—

	Rs.
To Settlement Department	6,601
To Deputy Commissioners for maintenance of village records	16,534
Total ...	23,135

The depôt also arranged, as usual, for the supply to Deputy Commissioners, through the same Press, of 80,004 tenants' receipt books valued at Rs 15,370.

V.—Work of the Office of the Settlement Commissioner.

37. I append a statement showing the principal reports submitted during the year :—

Name of district.	Name of tahsil.	Final Settlement Report.	Tahsil Assessment Report.	Rent-rate Report.		Assessment Report.		Combined Rent-rate and Assessment Report.		Forecast Report.
				Number of reports.	Number of villages.	Number of reports.	Number of villages.	Number of reports.	Number of villages.	
	Malguzari.									
Nagpur.	Nagpur ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	20	...
	Ramtek ...	...	1	1	82	1	82	...	...	...
	Umrer ...	...	1	1	68	3	175	2	98	...
	Katol ...	...	1	...	...	4	290	...	...	...
Balaghat.	Balaghat ...	...	...	1	113	9	279	4	147	...
Bhandara.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Hoshangabad.	Sohagpur ...	...	...	...	...	1	53	2	25	...
	Hoshangabad ...	...	...	1	53	1	53	4	195	...
Chhindwara.	Chhindwara ...	...	...	...	...	3	235	...	...	...
	Amarwara ...	...	...	3	152	3	152	3	156	...
	Sausar ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	42	...
Nimar ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Betul ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Saugor.	Banda ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Saugor ...	...	...	...	...	1	66	...	...	...
	Khurai ...	...	...	5	236	4	196	...	...	...
	Raiyatwari.									
Hoshangabad.	Hoshangabad ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	...
Chhindwara.	Chhindwara ...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...
	Amarwara ...	...	...	...	5	...	5	..	7	...
	Sausar ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	...
Saugor.	Saugor ..	...	...	...	3	...	3	...	..	...
	Khurai ...	...	...	...	13	...	13	...	...	...

My predecessor toured in all districts under settlement until he was relieved by me in March. During December, January and February I was on special duty, arranging for the inception of work in Seoni and Bhandara, and my own touring was practically confined to those two districts, where the training and organization of the staff was of importance.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

P. HEMINGWAY,

Commissioner of Settlements and Director of Land Records,

Central Provinces.

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STATEMENT I.—Showing the Progress made in Original Cadastral Survey and preparation of Land Records during the year ending the 30th September 1916.

District.	Field work.				Office work.				Remarks.
	Total area to be dealt with.	Disposed of previously.	Disposed of during the year.	Balance.	Total area to be dealt with.	Disposed of previously.	Disposed of during the year.	Balance.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	
Chhindwara (Jagirs) ...	46,080	...	46,080	...	46,080	...	46,080	...	
Seoni ...	15,143	4,596	10,547	...	15,143	4,596	10,547	...	

STATEMENT II.—Showing the Progress made in Map Correction during the year ending the 30th September 1916.

District.	Field work.				Office work.				Remarks.
	Total area to be dealt with.	Disposed of previously.	Disposed of during the year.	Balance.	Total area to be dealt with.	Disposed of previously.	Disposed of during the year.	Balance.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Aces.	Acres.	
Bhandara	2,187,478	561,024	804,120	822,334	2,187,478	561,024	458,599	1,167,855	1,181 acres acquired for Government Tank.
Seoni	1,606,617	790,439	379,767	436,411	1,606,617	790,439	379,767	436,411	
Betul	1,736,960	...	594,560	1,142,400	1,736,960	...	594,560	1,142,400	

STATEMENT III.—Showing the Progress made in the Reglaur Revision of Land Revenue Asessment (Field work) during the year ending the 30th September 1916.

District.		Attestation.						Announcement.			Remarks.
		Total to be attested.	Attested in previous years.	During the year under report.			Balance to be attested by Inspectors.	Total to be announced.	Announced during the previous year.	Announced during the year under report.	
				Attested by Inspectors.	Passed by Assistant Superior Officer.	Inspected by Superior Officer.					
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Nagpur	Area in square miles	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,316	2,073	1,243	
	Number of villages	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,943	1,225	718	
Balaghat	Area in square miles	1,846	792	1,054	1,054	1,054	...	1,846	...	726	
	Number of villages	887	453	434	434	434	...	887	..	413	
Bhandara	Area in square miles	3,418	...	302	260	258	3,116	...	...	...	
	Number of villages	1,823	...	183	157	155	1,640	...	...	...	
Chhindwara (Khalsa)	Area in square miles	2,309	1,552	757	757	757	...	2,309	..	924	
	Number of villages	1,402	968	434	434	434	...	1,402	...	648	
Do. (Jagir)	Area in square miles	1,597	...	1,573	1,523	1,427	24	...	...	...	
	Number of villages	544	...	528	503	484	16	...	...	...	
Hoshangabad	Area in square miles	2,696	1,850	846	846	846	...	2,696	...	770	
	Number of villages	1,315	923	392	392	392	...	1,315	...	409	
Saugor	Area in square miles	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,196	1,955	1,237	
	Number of villages	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,084	1,270	810	
Seoni	Area in square miles	2,534	...	522	448	356	2,012	...	...	...	
	Number of villages	1,641	...	303	258	206	1,338	...	...	...	

STATEMENT IV.—Showing the Progress made in the Regular Revision of Land Revenue Assessment (Office work) during the year ending the 30th September 1916.

District.		Total to be assessed.	Records completed.	Records faired and passed.	Records copied for Patwaris.	First trace made.	Second trace made.	Ryotwari abstracts prepared.	Rent-rates submitted.	Assessment Report submitted.	Balance.		Misls completed after announcement.	Sheets amended.	Remarks.
											For rent-rates.	For final assessment.			
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Nagpur ...	Area in square miles ...	3,316	...	1,069	1,864	881	64	...	356	881	...	...	1,243	336	
	Number of villages ...	1,943	...	545	1,103	385	28	...	196	520	...	...	718	191	
Balaghat ...	Area in square miles ...	1,846	1,054	884	611	1,151	1,834	1,306	494	831	922	922	726	1,064	
	Number of villages ...	887	437	440	347	496	876	575	298	476	351	351	413	441	
Bhandara ...	Area in square miles ..	3,418	260	...	...	...	...	*260	140	140	3,278	3,278	...	260	
	Number of villages ...	1,823	157	...	...	...	...	157	78	78	1,745	1,745	...	157	
Chhindwara (Khalsa).	Area in square miles ...	2,309	757	555	300	1,131	578	715	377	997	672	672	924	757	
	Number of villages ...	1,402	434	377	289	606	434	406	219	532	378	378	648	434	
Chhindwara (Jagir).	Area in square miles ...	1,597	468	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Number of villages ...	544	155	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Hoshangabad ..	Area in square miles ...	2,696	857	932	1,537	1,352	1,352	971	775	778	1,132	1,242	622	1,082	
	Number of villages ..	1,315	398	433	746	607	607	436	343	345	530	581	367	483	
Saugor ...	Area in square miles ...	3,196	...	...	1,107	...	(a) 1,681	..	118	818	...	2	1,226	...	
	Number of villages ...	2,084	...	...	734	...	(a) 1,050	...	88	553	...	2	849	...	
Seoni ...	Area in square miles ...	2,534	356	356	...	356	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	356	
	Number of villages ...	1,641	206	206	...	206	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	206	

* Instead of Ryotwari Abstracts, fair copies of Jamabandis have been prepared.
(a) Third trace.

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Central Provinces Administration

REVENUE AND SCARCITY DEPARTMENT

Nagpur, the 3rd May 1918.

READ—

Report by the Financial Commissioner on the Land Revenue Administration of the Central Provinces during the year 1916-17.

Report on the operations of the Land Records and Settlement Departments in the Central Provinces during the year 1916-17.

RESOLUTION.

An abundant but somewhat badly distributed rainfall characterised the monsoon of 1916, and, except in Drug, such damage as the crops suffered was due to too much and not to too little rain. The rice districts reaped a good kharif harvest, but elsewhere the crops suffered from the excessive rain, and but for the high price of cotton the cultivators of the Nagpur country would have fared poorly. On the other hand the rabi harvest was almost uniformly good, though in some places there was too much rain at ploughing time and local showers injured the crop when it was on the threshing floors. The occupied area increased by over 100,000 acres and in all districts except Wardha, where the fall was trifling, the figures have risen. It is worthy of note that of the three districts where the rise in the occupied area is greatest, two, *viz.*, Seoni and Chhindwara, were under settlement. Rental and revenue collections were good and only trifling remissions and suspensions due to local calamities in four districts were necessary.

2. Out of a net land revenue demand of Rs. 1,06,79,648 only Rs. 2,529 remained to be realized at the end of the year, and the small amount on account of arrears from the previous year was collected in full. The figures of the loan account are also satisfactory, the balance remaining overdue having fallen from Rs. 1,07,120 to Rs. 75,815, and of the nine lakhs due for collection it was necessary to remit or suspend only small sums. Though the rate of interest charged on loans to the Provincial Government has been raised by the Government of India to $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., the accumulated profits of previous years have rendered it unnecessary so far to raise the rate of $6\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. which is charged to the cultivators. The response which was given to the War Loan, especially by the small cultivator, was very gratifying, and it is interesting to observe that the Commissioner of Chhattisgarh connects the readiness to subscribe in his division with the remembrance of the assistance which Government gave in the time of the famines. The reports testify to the growing confidence of the people in the Agricultural and the Veterinary Departments. This confidence is the foundation on which both departments will be able to build, when circumstances permit of the large expansion of their activities which has already been mapped out for them.

3. The Financial Commissioner mentions the necessity for local legislation to provide a remedy for the evil of scattered holdings. The question is one of great difficulty, and the framing of a bill to deal with it will be no easy matter, as conditions vary in different parts of the Provinces. It has long been

recognized by Government that the more economical distribution of land, especially in Chhattisgarh, is a necessary condition for the real advance of agriculture, but the failure on the part of the land-holding classes to recognize the evil has in the past been the chief obstacle to progress. The Chief Commissioner invites those interested in the advance of agriculture to study the matter. Any suggestions put forward will receive the fullest consideration, and the information in the possession of Government regarding what has been done elsewhere and regarding the special aspects of the problem in the Central Provinces will be readily placed at their disposal.

4. Damage by wild pig continues to be considerable and the measures that have been taken to meet it have not yet achieved much success. The Chief Commissioner strongly holds the view that no measures will ever be successful until there is a great deal more co-operation on the part of the people amongst themselves and with the officers of Government to combat the evil. The matter is of such importance in several districts of the Provinces that he trusts this co-operation will be forthcoming, and he desires that district officers will do everything possible to stimulate efforts to deal with the evil.

5. The Financial Commissioner makes some interesting remarks on the subject of processes for the recovery of land revenue, and Sir Benjamin Robertson is in general agreement with what he says. In a good year, when the revenue can be paid with ease, there is no excuse for default, and to recommend the sale of the mahal is often the quickest and easiest way of bringing home to the malguzar his responsibility for promptly fulfilling his obligations to Government. In such cases attachment and direct management of a mahal is seldom appropriate.

6. It is hoped that the new instructions which have been issued for the guidance of Revenue Officers in making partitions will lead to improvement in a class of work, which has in the past been left too much to subordinates. A partition must be made by the Revenue Officer himself and the function of the *amin* is merely to do the ministerial work of the case. If this had been more clearly realized in the past, fewer unsatisfactory partitions would now be met with. The conduct of land acquisition work, which becomes more difficult and more responsible as the value of land increases, has also been under review during the course of the year. A little care at the start will save a great deal of trouble afterwards, and it is the duty of the Deputy Commissioner, whether he conducts the case himself or entrusts it to an Assistant, empowered as a Collector under the Land Acquisition Act, to see that the preliminary estimate of the cost of acquisition is carefully prepared. Cases have come before the Chief Commissioner in which this estimate was obviously very carelessly framed and pitched too low. Though the Deputy Commissioner has no power to interfere with the discretion of a Collector making an award, it is his business throughout the case to watch the interests of Government and to ensure that all information affecting the value of the property to be acquired is placed before the Collector for his consideration. Care at the beginning and throughout the proceedings before that officer will ensure not merely that the interests of Government are safeguarded, but that the persons from whom the property is acquired obtain an adequate sum without having recourse to a civil court. It will also put the Government in a strong position to meet the claims for excessive sums which are often raised in the civil court.

7. The maintenance of land records was carefully considered at the Conference of Commissioners held in June 1917, and it is hoped that the measures detailed in paragraph 23 of the Financial Commissioner's report will in the end lead to very considerable improvement. The Chief Commissioner does not mean to imply that the land record work of these Provinces is inferior, but the ideal which underlies the system, namely, that the records should be so good that they should require no overhauling before they are used as a basis for a revision of the settlement, is a high one and can only be attained gradually. The appointment of Deputy Directors of Land Records, who will be able to devote to the correction and maintenance of the village maps and papers the systematic attention which it is impossible for district officers to spare, and who

will bring to the work a technical knowledge of survey which the latter cannot be expected to possess, should, coupled with the other measures which have been taken to increase efficiency, go a long way towards attaining the ideal. Sir Benjamin Roberston fully agrees with what the Director of Land Records says about the duties of Deputy Commissioners and their Assistants. It is not their function to do the work of a Revenue Inspector or of the Superintendent of Land Records, but to see that the Superintendent is doing his work thoroughly and intelligently and getting the best out of his subordinates.

8. Good progress was made in the districts under settlement, and the Chief Commissioner desires to acknowledge the care and attention which Settlement Officers have devoted to their work. The most important change that has been made in settlement procedure is that announcement is now conducted under the eye of the Settlement Officer himself. Any tenant or malguzar, who is dissatisfied with the rent or revenue announced by the Assistant Settlement Officer and who is unable to accept the explanation of the principles of fixation as given to him by that officer, has now the opportunity of lodging his objection before the Settlement Officer on the spot before the announcement of the village is completed. The result has been a fall in the number of appeals before the Commissioner of Settlements, and no malguzar or tenant, provided he takes enough interest in the proceedings to be present at the time of announcement, can have any excuse for saying that he does not understand the principles on which his payment has been fixed.

9. Much was done during the year under review in discussing and preparing the Settlement Instructions to be issued by the Chief Commissioner under Section 62 of the new Land Revenue Act, but this work will take some time to complete. Due publicity has been given to these instructions and criticisms have been invited on them before they are issued to Settlement Officers.

10. The Hon'ble Mr. Crump held charge of the post of Financial Commissioner during the year, and Sir Benjamin Robertson thanks him for a year of strenuous work. The Land Revenue Act of 1917 was passed during the year, and not merely when it was passing through the Provincial Council but afterwards, when the preparation of the rules under it was taken in hand, a heavy burden of work was thrown on Mr. Crump. The Chief Commissioner has noted the names of the officers whose good work is mentioned in the concluding paragraph of the report, and he places on record his regret at the death of Mr. Bahmanji Mancherji, Extra-Assistant Commissioner, shortly before his retirement after a long and honourable career of usefulness in the Provincial Service.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution and its annexures be submitted to the Government of India in the Department of Revenue and Agriculture; that copies be forwarded to all Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners, the Commissioner of Settlements and Director of Land Records and Settlement Officers, and that the Resolution be published in the Supplement to the *Central Provinces Gazette.*

J. F. DYER,

Third Secretary to the Chief Commissioner,

Central Provinces.

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Report by the Financial Commissioner on the Land Revenue Administration of the Central Provinces during the year 1916-17.

Season.

The monsoon of 1916, which broke in the first week of June and continued until the end of October, gave plentiful but badly distributed rainfall. Most districts suffered from excessive moisture, but in Drug a prolonged break caused some anxiety, which was only allayed by rain early in September. The total rainfall recorded in the period from the 1st June 1916 to the 31st May 1917 was 60·79 inches, as compared with an average of 48·35 inches for the last 49 years. A kharif crop somewhat below the average was reaped and excessive rain at the end of the monsoon prevented land in some places being prepared adequately for rabi, but showers in February were most welcome, while at the end of April and May unusually heavy rain, while causing the hot weather to be the mildest for many years, caused some deterioration in crops on the threshing floors. Though some hail in February in the north of the Provinces caused local damage, on the whole the course of the season was more favourable to rabi than kharif crops, and the outturn of the former crop was quite satisfactory.

Crops.

2. Cotton, til and juari suffered in many places from excessive rainfall, both at the time of weeding and at the end of the monsoon. The outturn of cotton was 73 per cent of the normal, but high prices compensated for the shortage. On the other hand, rice, both broadcast and transplanted, did well, except in Drug, and gave outturns of 101 and 108 respectively. The important rabi crops, wheat, cold-weather juari and linseed, all flourished, the outturn varying from 110 for wheat to 100 for linseed. The rabi harvest was of a particularly uniform nature, and in no district was the outturn of any of these crops less than 90.

Statistics of area and rent.

3. The total area included in holdings increased by 103,470 acres. This increase, which is again above the normal figure, can be ascribed to the generally favourable monsoon and to the high prices of agricultural produce. With the exception of Wardha, where there was a trifling fall, all districts contributed to the expansion, Chhindwara, Seoni and Raipur showing the largest increase. The area held as *sir* increased by 10,492 acres owing to the conferral of the right at settlement, which more than counterbalanced the fall due to transfers. *Khudkasht* land showed a small expansion of 2,118 acres, and the percentage of occupied area held by malguzars remained unchanged at 18·74. There was an increase of 29,735 acres, or over 5 per cent, of *sir* land leased; the recorded lease money, which fell from Rs. 3-1-4 per acre to Rs. 2-14-6 last year, is again reported to have declined to Rs. 2-13-1, but the figures are not to be relied on, as even at Settlement it is extremely difficult to ascertain the correct amounts for which *sir* is leased. An increase of 93,830 acres is shown in land included in tenants' holdings, and at the same time the average rent paid by tenants of the various classes rose from Re. 0-14-3 to Re. 0-14-5 per acre. Variations are unimportant, except in districts affected by Settlement operations.

Rental collections.

4. The total rental demand stood at Rs. 1,53,18,437 compared with Rs. 1,50,34,525 in the previous year. Collections were satisfactory, especially in the north of the Provinces, and there was a further decline in the outstanding arrears.

Condition of the agricultural classes.

5. A fairly satisfactory harvest with high prices, following on a year of similar conditions, left the agricultural classes in a condition of prosperity, of which labour, as many district reports point out, was able to take its full share. One of the contributing causes of the shortage of labour available for private employers was the supply of grass for military requirements, the operations for which were on a large scale and gave employment to large numbers during most of the cold weather months. Imported labour was again employed on the Chhattisgarh irrigation works. The higher standard of living now prevalent among the labouring classes is noticed by the Deputy Commissioner, Raipur, who gives an interesting account of the manner in which, even in remote villages, local products are being replaced

by imported articles, such as shoes and umbrellas, which, if less serviceable, are considered more ornate and fashionable. The war has had no direct adverse effect on agriculture and public confidence has long ceased to be disturbed ; difficulties in transport by sea, however, have curtailed the supply of imported articles, including improved agricultural implements, which are in keen demand, while congestion on the railways contributed to a considerable rise in the price of articles in common use. An interesting experiment has just been concluded at Kamptee under the auspices of the Government Textile Expert, which shows that woollen cloth suitable for cold-weather needs can be made from local wool. The further expansion of what may develop into an important village industry has now been taken up by private enterprise. Plague and cholera, which were prevalent in many places, were particularly severe in the Nagpur Division, and cattle-disease appeared sporadically in several districts, but only in Nimar and Chanda to any extent. The evil of much distributed holdings has been under discussion not only in the Central Provinces but elsewhere in India, and though the difficulties in the way of solving the problem are great, local legislation to provide a remedy will require soon to be undertaken. The Central Provinces Land Alienation Act, No. II of 1916, came into force on the 1st April and was applied to Gonds and Korkus in Betul and to Gonds in Narsinghpur, Mandla and portions of the Hoshangabad and Damoh districts ; it is too early yet to gauge the result of this enactment, which is intended to prevent the exploitation of backward tribes. The Land Revenue Act, II of 1917, came into force on the 1st September just before the close of the year.

Landlords and tenants.

6. The relationsbetween landlords and tenants, though in several districts grazing disputes marred the harmony, continued to be generally satisfactory. The Deputy Commissioner of Betul—a backward district—mentions that the Settlement operations have brought to light a number of petty irregular demands by malguzars from tenants. He does not, however, take a serious view of the matter, pointing out that these demands are frequently regulated by custom, and that it is impossible to expect the dominant party to stick to the exact letter of the contract. In more advanced tracts, however, the old patriarchal relations are gradually giving way before the more commercial spirit of the times.

Attitude of the people towards Government Societies and Associations.

7. The relations between the people and Government remained cordial, a fact which was exemplified in a striking manner by the success of the war loan, which was due mainly to the liberal response made by small cultivators. The Commissioner, Chhattisgarh, reports that the assistance given by Government at the time of the last famine is still remembered, and contributed to this result in his division. The Co-operative Credit movement continued its steady and healthy growth, and all Commissioners report an increase in the number of societies in their divisions. The Agricultural Department, which works in close sympathy with it, has now secured a firm hold on the people. Suggestions for improvement are eagerly awaited instead of being regarded with suspicion, and demonstrations and exhibitions on the various farms continue to attract large numbers. The agricultural section always holds a prominent place at local shows and fairs, and a healthy rivalry exists among the competitors for the honour of receiving prizes for their exhibits. The Veterinary Department is increasingly gaining the confidence of the public, and it is instructive to find that prophylactic measures against cattle-disease are more popular in tahsils which have a dispensary at head-quarters than elsewhere. Durbars are now held at Tahsil head-quarters in some districts at suitable intervals for the discussion of matters of local and general interest, and an opportunity is thus given for any grievances which may exist to be brought forward and put right, as well as for the explanation of the policy underlying the measures of Government.

8. The question of the destruction of pig has continued to receive the attention of District Officers. Organised beats have been tried in several districts, but the experiment has not as yet turned out a full success. The difficulty is that before the crops are cut the population is engaged on agricultural operations and when the fields are bare, the pig retire to the jungle. The Kalbelias, who

were successfully employed two years ago in some of the Nerbudda districts have not again put in an appearance. The Chanda report shows that considerable success was attained both by license-holders and by means of nets and pits, but these methods can only be successful where the population has some aptitude for hunting. The ordinary cultivator with a gun is inclined to discharge it into the air to the danger of nothing but himself, thereby merely diverting the pig into his neighbour's field. The chaukidari system, under which a village watchman is given a gun and is required to use it to protect whichever fields are attacked, was successful in Nimar and is being tried elsewhere. The Agricultural Department is experimenting with a pig-proof wire netting, but full success has not yet been attained, and any such device, even if wire could be obtained at normal prices, is beyond the means of any but the richer cultivators. The majority of district reports show that the results are small in comparison with the large number of pig, and, as stated last year, the problem is one for which a successful solution has yet to be found, and success pre-supposes full co-operation on the part of the people.

Sanads for improvements.

9. Omitting the Betul district, for which no figures are given, only 86 sanads were granted against 2,481 last year, when the figures were swollen by the issue of 2,136 by the Settlement Officer, Nagpur, at the time of announcement of the new assessments, while a fall from 197 to 6 in Damoh is hardly sufficiently explained by arrears at the beginning of last year. The Settlement Officer, Bhandara, has suggested that, when sanads are granted by a Settlement Officer, the reduction in rent due to the improvement having been made at the cost of the cultivator should be clearly shown, thereby bringing home to the recipient the pecuniary advantage derived from his improvement, and this question is under consideration. The figures for the year clearly show that Revenue Inspectors are still remiss in reporting improvements.

Loans.

10. A second prosperous year in succession further reduced the demand for loans from Government, and the advances under the Agriculturists' and Land Improvement Loans Acts declined from Rs. 2,71,213 and Rs. 41,645 to Rs. 1,82,333 and Rs. 27,197. Including arrears and interest, the total amount due for collection during the year was Rs. 9,04,288; of this Rs. 9,792 was remitted and Rs. 14,334 suspended. Realizations, including advance collections of Rs. 25,445, totalled Rs. 8,34,186. The amount remaining overdue at the end of the year was Rs. 75,815, showing a satisfactory reduction on last year's figure of Rs. 1,07,120, and the net profit to Government was Rs. 48,824. In their letter No. 54-214-32, dated the 28th January 1918, the Government of India have authorised the Local Administration, if necessary, to increase the rate of interest on Agricultural and Land Improvement Loans in view of the fact that the interest charged to Provincial Government on the local loan account has been raised to $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent from the 1st April 1917, but the profits which have been accumulated in past years render it possible to continue the present rate of interest to the agriculturists.

Land Revenue collections.

11. The total demand on account of Land Revenue on the roll rose from Rs. 1,05,85,489 on the 1st October 1916 to Rs. 1,07,05,601 on the 1st October 1917. For this increase the revision of Settlement in the Hoshangabad, Chhindwara and Balaghat districts was mainly responsible. Remissions amounted to Rs. 16,232, of which Rs. 13,594 was due to damage by hail in the Hoshangabad, Jubbulpore and Damoh districts. With the exception of Rs. 991 in Drug, on account of a partial local failure of the rice crop, no suspensions were necessary. The net amount due for collection was Rs. 1,06,79,648; of this all but Rs. 2,529, of which Hoshangabad and Jubbulpore account for Rs. 1,046, was realized. The demand on account of arrears was only Rs. 5,416 and it was satisfactory to note that the whole of this was collected. Miscellaneous Land Revenue and Land Revenue not on the roll, fluctuations in which are large due to the sale of *milkiyat sarkar* plots at Settlement, together declined from Rs. 6,85,078 to Rs. 6,82,679. It is disappointing to find that a large number of processes were necessary for the recovery of the land revenue owing to unpunctuality in its payment, but I am not satisfied that the action taken was in all cases suitable. Warrants of arrest numbered 162,

of which no less than 43 were in the Jubbulpore tahsil, but only one defaulter was actually confined in jail. This case was in the Nimar district, and as the defaulter was stated to be a bankrupt dispomaniac, the action was hardly suitable, and attachment of the mahal would have been more appropriate. 3,239 attachments of moveable property were effected, while sales were carried out in only 22 cases. In the Seoni district there were 431 attachments ordered or one to every four mahals, but only 22 attachments were effected and only one sale carried out. In each of the Narsinghpur and Nimar districts two mahals were attached and taken under direct management. In three of these cases the action was taken on the ground of quarrels between share-holders and consequent failure to pay revenue, and the use of these provisions of the law, which entail a considerable amount of trouble to the Tahsil staff, was not justified. The proper course was to recommend sale of the mahals. In the fourth case which occurred in the Nimar district the arrear was on account of income-tax, and the case should not have been entered in Statement G, which relates solely to recoveries of Land Revenue, but I can imagine no case in which attachment and direct management of a mahal would be justified to recover an arrear of income-tax. There is a reluctance to recommend sale of mahals for arrears of land revenue, through in good years when the land revenue can be paid with ease, this procedure is often the most suitable. It is the easiest to adopt, and is the quickest way of bringing home to the defaulter his responsibility; it is especially suitable to the case of the habitual defaulter who can pay, but will not, and in many of the cases, in which warrants of arrest issued or attachment of moveable property was ordered, attachment of the mahal and its sale would have been more effectual and less troublesome. It is only in times of depression that the use of this procedure is not desirable.

Raiyatwari Estates.

12. The total area included in occupied survey numbers increased by 16,243 acres, and the area given out exceeded that relinquished by 9,114 acres, which is considerably below the average of the last quinquennium. The balance for allotment is now only 225,542 acres, with an average assessment of 3 annas. The area sublet by patels increased by 74 per cent, and now amounts to about 5 per cent of their holdings. In Nimar, where the proportional increase was large, the Deputy Commissioner ascribes it to the prevalence of plague. Sub-leases are only permissible for a year at a time, but the position requires to be closely watched, in order to prevent land getting into the hands of absentees. The allotted grants for improvements were not utilised everywhere to the full, particularly in the Nagpur Division, where less than half of the total was spent. The improvement of water-supply accounted for a large portion of the expenditure, but not much is left to be done in this direction in the important Government estates in the Mandla district, where the Commissioner proposes to devote more attention to roads, now the most urgent requirement.

Alienation of land.

13. The number of sales of proprietary rights in villages and parts thereof, both by private negotiation and by order of the Court, showed an appreciable increase as compared with the previous year. In private sales the multiple of land revenue obtained decreased from 29·7 to 28·6, but in sales by order of the Court the figure remained stationary. Some individual cases of high figures are recorded; but these figures, in the absence of information as to the extent of the home-farm or details of encumbrances, are not a trustworthy criterion of the price fetched by landed property. The Commissioner, Nagpur Division, remarks that it is notorious that the value of land has temporarily fallen during the war owing to the restriction of credit with the consequent rise in the rate of interest.

14 The number of partition cases instituted during the year increased from 259 to 300. Substantial rises in Nagpur and Saugor have followed the completion of Settlement operations. The Deputy Commissioner, Saugor, comments on the dismemberment of fine old estates, but, except where special conditions of primogeniture were inserted in the terms of the grant, the operation of the Hindu Law of succession must lead to such results. The duration of these cases continues to be heavy, but, as the Commissioner, Nagpur Division, remarks

this is largely due to the failure to make a proper local enquiry; in the past officers making partitions have trusted far too much to *amins* to do the work for them with the result that when objections were put forward, they were not in a position to decide them. With the introduction of the new Land Revenue Act, detailed instructions have been issued for the guidance of Revenue officers in making partitions, and it has been pointed out that it is the duty of the officer in charge to make the partition, and that the *amin* is only a ministerial officer; it has also been laid down that the bulk of the work must be done on the spot. While this may increase the duration in cases instituted after the touring season, it should result in much more satisfactory decisions.

Cases under the special provisions of the Land Revenue and Tenancy Acts.

15. The number of applications by lambardars for the recovery of arrears of revenue decreased slightly. Good crops were responsible for the largest decline, which occurred in the Jubbulpore Division, as well as for a drop in the same division from 676 to 519 in the applications to eject tenants for failure to pay arrears. The total number of such applications, however, rose from 1,620 to 1,663. The increase is heavy in the Nagpur Division, partly owing to the shortage of the cotton crop, and partly to attempts on the part of malguzars to oust lessees of *khudkasht* land who had, according to their rights under the law, been recorded at Settlement as ordinary tenants. Applications by tenants to deposit rent fell from 554 to 384. For this the Raipur district, where the figures last year were inflated for some reason not explained in the district report, was mainly responsible. Applications to transfer *sir* increased appreciably in the Nerbudda Division, but the provincial total remained practically unaltered. Applications for the conferral of occupancy rights were again few in number, there being very little practical difference between the status of the ordinary and the occupancy tenant, except that the latter is better able to resist rental enhancement, but the power to raise rents during the currency of a settlement is little used by landlords.

Rent suits.

16. The number of suits by landlords for arrears of rent fell from 11,400 to 10,094. The year opened with smaller arrears, and tenants had little difficulty in paying the current rental demand. The number of decrees for arrears of rent actually executed by the sale of distrained produce is again noticeably high in Nagpur, where this form of procedure, which is little resorted to elsewhere, seems popular.

Land acquisition.

17. Land acquisition continues to be heavy in the Raipur and Drug districts, where land for the Tandula and Mahanadi canals is still being taken up. In the former district the special officer disposed of 225 cases relating to 235 miles of distributaries in addition to settling crossings over ten distributaries, and in Drug 66 cases were completed. Except in Balaghat, where there is a fairly heavy pending file, which the Deputy Commissioner expected would be reduced shortly after the close of the year, satisfactory progress appears to have been made in the disposal of cases. With the increase in the value of land the work of land acquisition has become more complicated and important, and it is essential that Deputy Commissioners should realise the importance of considering the probable cost of acquisition when submitting proposals for acquisition. There have been an unusual number of cases in which the Civil Courts have awarded sums largely in excess of the Collectors award, and an examination of the proceedings has generally shown that this is due to want of care on the part of the Collector engaged in the case.

Collectors cases.

18. The Civil Courts ordered sale of landed property in 2,802 cases against 2,396 in the year preceding. The number of cases in which sale was averted by payment of the claim also increased, but the percentage to cases decided declined from 39·5 to 38·2. Reference is made in some of the divisional reports to the time wasted by some officers in making enquiries with a view to avert sale in which success is hopeless, or action is not called for. A little time spent in examining the judgment debtor at the earliest possible stage in the case would generally enable an officer to decide whether any further action was necessary, or whether sale should be allowed at once.

General Revenue Business.

19. The total number of cases instituted during the year fell from 61,153 to 54,604, or by 6,549. All districts except Saugor, Drug and those of the Nerbudda Division, excluding Narsinghpur, contributed to the decline, which is most noticeable in the Jubbulpore Division, where the figures for the previous year were swollen by numerous applications for taccavi. In Wardha a decrease from 6,007 to 4,044 is attributed to faulty registering last year. The pending file, except in Chanda, where a rise is accounted for by the district being short of assistants, showed a corresponding decrease, and there was also a satisfactory fall in the number of cases pending for six months or more. The volume of revenue correspondence showed a further decline.

Lambardars, Mukaddams and Kotwars.

20. The Commissioners' Reports show that the lambardari system, with isolated exceptions, continued to work well. In the Bilaspur district there were quarrels between lambardars and co-sharers over the right to collect rents, and in the Sehora tahsil of the Jubbulpore district some trouble occurred owing to co-sharers realising rents from their tenants and failing to pay their share of the land revenue to the lambardar in time. No allusion is made in any of the reports to the appointment of sadar lambardars or lambardars for pattis, probably becaue the Central Provinces Land Revenue Act of 1917 only came into force a month before the close of the year. In all villages in which there is known to be an imperfect partition, Tahsildars should take steps to appoint lambardars for each patti and a sadar lambardar for the mahal in accordance with the law and should not wait until applications for such appointments are made. Mukaddams, as a class, are reported to have acquitted themselves of their responsibilities satisfactorily, but in Damoh they were afraid to report the depredations of a gang of dacoits headed by one Dhiraj Singh, and prosecutions were necessary in the more glaring cases. Petty punishments for neglect of duty and other minor offences are reported from all districts, but, except in Betul, where the number of such offences was large and 4 criminal prosecutions were necessary, there was no departure from the normal in this respect. That useful village servant, the kotwar, again conducted himself well on the whole. In Saugor there were complaints about the system whereby one village helps to pay for the kotwar of a neighbouring small village, and the Deputy Commissioner thinks that the system, though convenient and economical, is unpopular and inequitable and is looking further into the matter. Some district reports refer to the efforts made to ensure that the children of kotwars are sent to school regularly and there is no doubt that, if this can be done, the status of the kotwars will ultimately improve considerably. The Deputy Commissioner, Bhandara, reports that some minor officials, such as those of the Veterinary and Vaccination departments, are apt to report kotwars for failure to give assistance without realising the difficulties encountered. Before a kotwar is reported it should always be ascertained whether the failure is or is not due to circumstances within his control, and District Officers should always carefully scrutinise any such reports that come to them. The Deputy Commissioner, Betul, reports that Tahsildars and Naib-Tahsildars on tour pay insufficient attention to the payment of kotwar's dues, while in Raipur there is a large decline from 395 to 153 in the applications for assistance in this respect by kotwars, owing to the fact that Revenue officers on tour generally take the opportunity of discovering whether the dues have been paid or not.

Tours and Inspections.

21. The touring and inspection programme of officers was generally adequate, and the revised orders dealing with the subject of touring are reported to have worked satisfactorily, but touring cannot be curtailed beyond a certain point, and the visit of a Deputy Commissioner or one of his Assistants to a village often brings to light matters requiring attention, which would otherwise have escaped notice but for such a visit.

Financial Commissioner.

22. The office of Financial Commissioner was held by me throughout the year under report. Forty-nine appeals were disposed of, of which 6 were successful. The number of applications for revision dealt with was 54, and the orders of the lower Court were set aside in 3 cases. Orders were passed on 270 applications for sanction to the transfer of *sir* land.

Land Records.

23. The report of the Director of Land Records shows that the conduct and discipline of the staff was on the whole satisfactory. With few exceptions the annual papers were filed punctually and circle and village note-books written up to date. Revised patwari halkabandis were introduced in the Saugor, Nagpur and Chanda districts. The sanction of the Secretary of State for India has been received since the close of the year to the revision of the pay of patwaris, and the new scheme will take effect gradually as funds permit. Some Revenue Inspectors' Circles have been found to be unwieldly in size, and proposals for their reduction are being formulated. The Director, in referring to the checking of land records by Deputy Commissioners and their Assistants, remarks that the primary duty of these officers is to inspect the Superintendent of Land Records, and not to ferret out bad patwaris; a thorough check of a few entries, which have already been checked by the supervising staff, is of much more utility than a less careful check of large areas. These principles, which are obviously sound, should be kept in mind by District Officers. Except in a small number of cases checking by the Tahsil staff was adequate. The method of upkeep of maps is being reorganised, and it has been decided that an effort should be made to put an end to the system of regular map correction prior to and during Settlement operations, which has been necessitated in the past by the neglect of maps during the currency of settlement, and four posts of Deputy Director of Land Records have been created for the supervision of this work. The *personnel* of the superior Land Records staff has been improved as a result of its amalgamation with the cadre of Tahsildars and Naib-Tahsildars, but the new arrangement was found to be not entirely satisfactory; changes and transfers among Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents of Land Records were more frequent than desirable; moreover, the door of promotion was closed against many Revenue Inspectors, who, though not fit educationally for the post of Naib-Tahsildars, are sufficiently competent to become very efficient Assistant Superintendents of Land Records. The cadre of these men is, therefore, again to be separated from that of Naib-Tahsildars, and it has been decided to depute young and entergetic Tahsildars to work as Superintendent of Land Records for a sufficiently long period to enable them to become properly acquainted with the defects in the district to which they are posted, and to take steps for their removal. The punishment roll of patwaris showed some increase on last year, but an improvement in this respect may ultimately be expected; for the gradual introduction of graded pay, which has been sanctioned, will afford controlling officers a ready and satisfactory means of enforcing discipline. A decrease of 50 per cent in punishments of Revenue Inspectors is attributed by the Director of Land Records to the appointment of trained Additional Revenue Inspectors from the Settlement staff, instead of promoting clerks to fill vacancies. The supervising work of Superintendents of Land Records and Assistant Superintendents of Land Records still admits of improvement, and a tendency on the part of these officials to follow well beaten and comfortable tracks in their tours requires to be checked by District Officers.

Settlements.

24. Settlement operations were in progress in the Hoshangabad, Chhindwara, Balaghat, Bhandara, Seoni and Betul districts. The final report for Chhindwara was submitted during the year under report, and that of Balaghat shortly after its close, while in Hoshangabad all that remains is the announcement of rents and revenue for the Harda tahsil. In Seoni rents and revenue were announced for some villages, and good progress with attestation was made in that district, as well as in Bhandara and Betul. Announcement is now conducted under the personal supervision of the Settlement Officer, and this change of procedure, which is reported to be very popular, is resulting in a reduction in the number of appeals against enhancement preferred before the Commissioner of Settlements. Map correction was in progress in the Betul, Bhandara and Seoni districts.

Notice of officers.

25. Shortage of staff due to the war is now becoming acutely felt, and Commissioners acknowlege the good work done during the year under report by their Deputy Commissioners, who devoted a good deal of time to work connected with the war loan and the

provision of grass for military requirements. The Commissioner, Jubbulpore Division, particularly draws attention to the tact and discretion with which Mr. Wilson has administered the Jubbulpore district. In Mr. Bahmanji Mancherji, Extra-Assistant Commissioner, who died after a short illness at Saugor just before his retirement, the Administration has lost a valuable and experienced officer. The following officers may be selected from those whose work is favourably noticed in the district reports for special mention :—

Assistant Commissioners.

Nerbudda Division	...	Mr. F. R. R. Rudman.
Nagpur Division	...	Mr. F. L. Grille.
Chhattisgarh Division	...	Mr. C. F. Waterfall. Mr. G. V. Bewoor.

Extra-Assistant Commissioners.

Jubbulpore Division	...	Rai Bahadur Hiralal. Khan Bahadur Elijah Jacob. Mr. Dadimaster. Mr. Kunj Beharilal.
Nerbudda Division	...	Mr. A. H. Bailey. Khan Bahadur Sorabji Shapurji. Khan Sahib Wali Muhammad. Rao Sahib Sitaram Ramchandra Pandit. Thakur Umrao Singh. Mr. Ramanuj Prasad.
Nagpur Division	...	Mr. Hazarilal. Mr. R. S. Thakur.
Chhattisgarh Division	...	Mr. Narayan Krishna Hardas. Saiyid Mihr Ali.

Tahsildars.

Jubbulpore Division	...	Mr. Channulal. Thakur Chhattar Singh. Mr. N. V. Joshi.
Nerbudda Division	...	Mr. K. R. Chandorkar.
Nagpur Division	...	Mr. G. V. Kane. Mr. G. R. Deoskar. Mr. K. R. Rhotkar. Mr. D. M. Barwe. Mr. Raghunath Singh. Saiyid Ali Hasan.
Chhattisgarh Division	...	Mr. Jiwanchandra Gupta. Mr. Majid Ali. Mr. Muhammad Hamid. Mr. Maqbul Husain.

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Financial Commissioner,

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Loans made under the Land Improvement Loans Act and Agriculturists' Loans Act.

I.— *Account of the Local Government with the Government of India for Central Provinces during the Revenue year ending the 30th September 1917.*

Amount advanced to the Local Government by the Government of India.			Interest payable for the year by the Local Government to the Government of India at 3½ per cent on mean outstanding.
Outstanding at the commencement of the year.	Outstanding at the close of the year.	Mean outstanding.	
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
14,67,161	9,40,522	12,03,841	43,703

II.— *Account of the Local Government with Agriculturist borrowers.*

—		Land Improvement Loans Act.	Agriculturists' Loans Act.	Total both Acts.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Principal	Outstanding at commencement of the year ...	(*a*) 9,09,340	(*a*) 5,61,849	(*a*) 14,71,189
	Advanced during the year	27,197	1,82,333	2,09,530
	Total advanced	9,36,537	7,44,182	16,80,719
	Amount due for collection within the year (including arrears).	3,34,811	4,64,083	7,98,894
	Remitted during the year	9,142	627	9,769
	Collected during the year	(*b*) 3,02,443	(*b*) 4,38,916	(*b*) 7,41,359
	Total remitted and collected	3,11,585	4,39,543	7,51,128
	Balance outstanding at the end of the year ...	6,24,952	3,04,639	9,29,591
	Amount suspended by competent authority ...	3,455	10,301	13,756
	Amount overdue	32,496	31,353	63,849
Interest	Arrears of interest suspended and overdue at the commencement of the year.	(*a*) 7,205	(*a*) 5,907	(*a*) 13,112
	Interest falling due within the year	54,648	37,634	92,282
	Total interest for collection within the year ...	61,853	43,541	1,05,394
	Remitted during the year	...	23	23
	Collected during the year	55,419	37,408	92,827
	Total remitted and collected	55,419	37,431	92,850
	Suspended by competent authority	15	563	578
	Arrears of interest overdue at the end of the year ...	6,419	5,547	11,966
Total Principal and Interest.	Remitted during the year	9,142	650	9,792
	Collected during the year	3,57,862	4,76,324	8,34,186
	Under suspension at the end of the year ...	3,470	10,864	14,334
	Overdue at the end of the year	38,915	36,900	75,815

III.— *Financial results of Loan operations to Local Government for the Revenue year ending the 30th September 1917.*

—	Land Improvement Loans Act.	Agriculturists' Loans Act.	Total both Acts.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Interest payable for the year by the Local Government to the Government of India ...	27,155	16,548	43,703
2. Interest collected during the year	55,308	37,511	92,819
3. Balance of interest accruing to the Local Government, *i. e.*, difference between (1) and (2).	28,153	20,963	49,116
4. Remissions of principal during the year	...	292	292
5. Net result (profit or loss) for the year 1916-17	+ 28,153	+ 20671	+ 48,824
6. Net result for previous years ... 1915-16	+ 40,813	+ 44,285	+ 85,098
1914-15	+ 26,404	+ 27,417	+ 53,821
1913-14	— 7,690	—22,679	—30,369
1912-13	+ 23,539	+ 4,578	+ 28,117
1911-12	+ 14,382	+ 12,404	+ 26,786
7. Expenditure on free grants-in-aid towards the construction of private protective works or on establishments for well-boring or other outlay incurred from current revenue in connection with takavi transactions.	*Nil*	*Nil*	*Nil*

NOTE.—The differences between the Comptroller's figures and the departmental figures are due to the fact that the Commissioners' accounts are made up to 30th September and the Comptroller's accounts to 31st March, the differences being reconciled by the end of financial year.

(*a*) Last year's figures were incorrect.

(*b*) Includes advance collections on account of principal not yet fallen due:—

	Rs.
Land Improvement Loans Act ...	10,834
Agriculturists' Loans Act ...	14,611
Total ...	25,445

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STATEMENT A.—Showing the area held by the several classes of Landlords
Agricultural year ending

I.—DETAILS

District.	Total area included in holdings.	Land held by Malguzars.			Land held by
		Area held as sir.	Area cultivated other than sir.	Percentage of occupied area held by malguzars.	Number of holdings.
	2	3	4	5	6
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.		
Saugor	1,229 929	146,442	75,486	18·04	3,927
Damoh	755,461	95,538	43,046	18·35	3,557
Jubbulpore	1,456,614	158,026	88,227	17·00	10,565
Mandla	878,228	37,422	42,637	9·12	325
Seoni	995,735	138,481	100,347	23·99	484
Total Jubbulpore Division ...	5,315,967	575,929	349,743	17·41	18,858
Narsinghpur	744,382	82,263	51,886	18·02	1,059
Hoshangabad ... Khalsa ...	1,201,798	190,819	83,215	22·80	1,118
Hoshangabad ... Jagir ...	8,649	658	119	8·98	...
Nimar	795,196	58,719	25,269	10·56	15,149
Betul	1,091,104	66,122	50,781	10·71	416
Chhindwara ... Khalsa ...	988,8,2	138,244	88,465	22·92	447
Chhindwara ... Jagir ...	288,503	13,028	7,476	7·11	...
Total Nerbudda Division ...	5,118,524	549,853	307,211	16·74	18,180
Wardha	1,182,051	155,960	85,638	20·44	4,582
Nagpur	1,628,531	205,346	68,154	16·80	10,017
Chanda ... Khalsa ...	984,951	77,245	39,390	12·00	5,689
Chanda ... Zamindari ...	141,544	8,820	5,271	10·00	90
Bhandara ... Khalsa ...	782,875	122,233	35,979	20·21	5,627
Bhandara ... Zamindari ...	348,250	44,899	18,450	18·19	563
Balaghat ... Khalsa ...	352,656	57,027	17,635	21·00	823
Balaghat ... Zamindari ...	128,893	18,412	4,177	18·00	66
Total Nagpur Division ...	5,549,751	689,942	274,694	17·38	27,462
Raipur ... Khalsa ...	1,601,072	206,030	197,970	25·00	1,911
Raipur ... Zamindari ...	962,725	93,350	59,943	16·00	13
Bilaspur ... Khalsa ...	1,306,230	174,124	131,392	23·00	5,987
Bilaspur ... Zamindari ...	660,708	63,441	29,818	15·00	70
Drug ... Khalsa ...	1,306,286	235,556	153,877	29·81	1,534
Drug ... Zamindari ...	465,115	51,758	28,948	17·35	195
Total Chhattisgarh Division ...	6,302,136	829,259	601,948	21·45	9,710
GRAND TOTAL ...	22,286,378	2,644,983	1,533,596	18·74	74,210
For preceding year ...	22,182,908	2,634,491	1,531,478	18·77	73,763

and Tenants and also the Rental in each District of the Central Provinces during the the 31st May 1917.

OF PROPRIETORS.

Malik-makbuzas.		Land held completely or partially revenue free.				Total area held by proprietors, *i. e.*, total of columns 3, 4, 7 and 10.	Remarks.
Area.	Revenue assessed.	Number of holdings.	Area.	Revenue assigned (not for realization).	Revenue demanded (for realization).		
7	8	9	10	11	11 (*a*)	12	13
Acres.	Rs.		Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Acres.	
42,996	51,743	739	8,007	8,973	45	272,931	
31,051	29,545	119	1,939	2,415	...	171,594	
55,840	64,299	630	3,605	7,300	595	305,698	
3,070	1,527	22	34	15	...	83,163	
7,960	4,088	7	64	38	17	246,852	
140,917	151,202	1,517	13,649	18,741	657	1,080,238	
16,708	20,286	133	1,939	1,937	611	152,796	
26,090	27,059	83	1,005	792	11	301,129	
...	...	...	...	...	...	777	
176,053	2,46,976	1,239	21,547	39,558	1,756	281,588	
6,582	5,539	113	2,749	584	1,107	126,234	
5,439	4,974	217	2,129	908	674	234,277	
...	...	...	...	...	...	20,504	
230,872	3,04,834	1,785	29,369	43,779	4,159	1,117,305	
51,298	77,093	396	5,531	10,420	91	298,427	
108,116	2,18,516	508	8,789	18,705	405	390,405	
74,602	63,414	438	8,056	3,906	1,504	199,293	
2,651	960	...	...	...	...	16,742	
56,893	55,238	42	514	496	72	215,619	
7,829	6,275	...	...	...	...	71,178	
10,938	12,542	...	...	...	...	85,603	
1,472	1,631	...	...	..	...	24,061	
313,799	4,15,669	1,384	22,890	33,527	2,072	1,301,325	
5,942	3,923	23	655	505	...	410,597	
76	...	...	...	...	...	153,369	
28,188	21,397	7	167	...	...	333,871	
839	524	...	...	...	...	99,098	
7,709	4,990	16	124	82		397,266	
7,279	1,866	...	...	...	...	87,985	
50,933	32,700	46	946	587	...	1,482,186	
735,621	9,04,405	4,732	66,854	96,634	6,888	4,881,054	
734,152	8,80,274	4,681	67,280	94,360	6,610	4,967,401	

STATEMENT A.— Showing the area held by the several classes of Landlords
Agricultural year ending

2.—DETAILS

District.	Land held by Absolute-occupancy Tenants.				Land held by Occupancy Tenants.				Land held in Ordinary Tenants right by Tenants of other classes.		
	Number of holdings.	Area.	Rent.	Incidence per acre.	Number of holdings.	Area.	Rent.	Incidence per acre.	Area.	Rent.	Incidence per acre.
1	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Acres.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.		Acres.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.
Saugor ...	19,415	154,223	2,31,037	1 8 0	31,865	224,110	2,97,023	1 5 2	149,489	1,65,264	1 1 8
Damoh ...	18,639	113,300	1,43,491	1 4 3	22,655	120,072	1,40,560	1 2 9	89,373	95,869	1 1 2
Jubbulpore ...	27,183	194,534	3,19,042	1 10 3	47,380	266,304	3,74,300	1 6 6	205,404	1,97,029	0 15 4
Mandla ...	1,325	10,956	10,283	0 15 0	5,144	62,789	40,343	0 10 3	80,801	29,606	0 5 10
Seoni ...	2,860	40,899	32,169	0 12 7	11,400	151,001	1,06,039	0 11 3	103,908	57,745	0 8 11
Total Jubbulpore Division ...	69,422	513,912	7,36,022	1 6 11	118,444	824,276	9,58,265	1 2 8	628,975	5,45,513	0 13 11
Narsinghpar ..	12,207	138,457	2,34,421	1 11 1	23,375	165,528	2,73,950	1 10 6	64,248	1,09,795	1 11 4
Hoshangabad ... Khalsa ...	16,865	274,896	3,98,941	1 7 3	26,818	308,629	4,15,446	1 5 6	83,963	1,03,776	1 3 9
Hoshangabad ... Jagir ...	...	...	...	...	204	2,509	1,559	0 9 11	466	308	0 10 7
Nimar ...	478	5,562	5,739	1 0 6	37,069	495,292	3,97,434	0 2 10	...	...	...
Betul ...	10,112	156,664	1,00,525	0 10 3	24,881	342,761	1,48,373	0 6 11	97,693	32,459	0 5 4
Chhindwara ... Khalsa ...	10,146	99,793	1,20,621	1 3 4	30,039	265,413	2,01,103	0 12 1	129,457	59,478	0 7 4
Chhindwara ... Jagir ..	...	...	...	...	2,782	67,053	16,458	0 3 11	30,825	7,799	0 4 1
Total Nerbudda Division ...	49,808	675,372	8,60,247	1 4 5	145,168	1,647,185	14,54,403	0 14 2	406,652	3,13,615	0 12 4
Wardha ...	10,827	156,987	2,15,943	1 6 0	26,597	409,382	4,89,484	1 3 2	64,923	66,124	1 0 4
Nagpur ...	20,264	248,712	4,45,632	1 12 8	39,371	554,221	7,94,448	1 6 11	89,167	1,02,429	1 2 5
Chanda ... Khalsa ...	9,674	112,671	74,711	0 10 7	66,481	654,137	4,20,482	0 10 3	103	141	1 5 11
Chanda ... Zamindari.	202	2,017	1,001	0 7 11	13,297	118,920	40,446	0 5 5	..	...	...
Bhandara ... Khalsa ...	9,965	87,393	92,818	1 1 0	29,537	237,682	2,40,642	1 0 2	56,340	49,131	0 13 11
Bhandara ... Zamindari.	2,410	24,472	23,773	0 15 7	10,253	83,732	81,748	0 15 7	27,820	22,701	0 13 1
Balaghat ... Khalsa ..	3,912	29,771	43,822	1 7 7	11,786	79,813	1,07,101	1 5 6	27,828	31,210	1 1 11
Balaghat ... Zamindari.	834	7,768	11,114	1 6 11	4,289	33,648	48,406	1 7 0	9,823	12,272	1 0 4
Total Nagpur Division ...	58,088	669,791	9,08,814	1 5 9	201,611	2,171,535	22,22,757	1 0 5	2,76,004	2,84,008	1 0 6
Raipur ... Khalsa ...	17,834	140,837	1,25,029	0 14 2	46,947	371,540	3,24,299	0 14 0	168,138	1,32,500	0 12 7
Raipur ... Zamindari.	...	...	...	...	18,103	241,533	60,072	0 4 0	25,340	8,337	0 5 3
Bilaspur ... Khalsa ...	19,286	81,094	68,625	0 13 6	75,187	368,023	23,601	0 10 3	161,044	1,22,545	0 12 2
Bilaspur ... Zamindari.	...	...	...	...	11,104	98,957	59,194	0 9 7	51,616	21,612	0 6 8
Drug ... Khalsa ...	17,181	147,692	1,29,584	0 14 0	34,232	316,927	2,78,315	0 14 1	122,472	1,02,653	0 13 5
Drug ... Zamindari.	92	2,010	709	0 5 8	12,257	190,545	67,479	0 5 8	19,799	12,943	0 10 5
Total Chhattisgarh Division ..	54,393	371,633	3,23,947	0 9 9	197,850	1,587,525	10,25,360	0 10 4	5,48,409	4,00,590	0 10 1
GRAND TOTAL ...	231,711	2,230,708	28,29,030	1 4 3	663,073	6,230,521	56,60,785	0 14 6	1,860,040	15,43,726	0 13 3
For preceding year ...	226,968	2,237,559	27,84,231	1 3 11	649,705	6,222,651	55,57,255	0 14 3	1,837,789	15,08,599	0 13 1

and Tenants and also the Rental in each District of the Central Provinces during the the 31st May 1917.—(Concld.)

OF TENANTS.

Land held by Ordinary Tenants.				Total of tenant area, *i. e.*, total of columns 15, 19, 22 and 26.	Total rental, *i. e.*, columns 16, 20, 23 and 27.	Incidence per acre.	Rents actually collected.		Land held rent-free.		Land held by Sub-tenants of Sir land.		
Number of holdings.	Area.	Rent.	Incidence per acre.				On account of current year.	On account of previous year.	Area held as grant from proprietors.	Area held in lieu of service.	Number	Area.	Rent demand.
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38
	Acres.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.	Rs.	Rs.	Acres.	Acres.		Acres.	Rs.
58,938	401,116	5,16,867	1 4 7	928,938	12,10,191	1 4 10	10,37,917	2,36,343	18,265	9,795	6,783	32,792	67,867
42,459	248,606	3,12,623	1 4 1	571,351	6,92,543	1 3 5	5,90,640	1,35,784	8,293	4,223	3,643	20,918	65,928
106,681	474,102	5,39,510	1 2 2	1,140,344	14,29,881	1 3 3	12,74,363	4,61,545	...	10,572	10,705	31,940	1,22,835
50,787	629,840	2,34,752	0 5 11	784,385	3,14,984	0 6 5	2,63,789	38,425	4,262	6,417	2,049	6,375	5,324
49,035	444,842	2,90,067	0 10 5	740,650	4,86,020	0 10 6	...	...	5,571	2,662	5,039	24,936	25,500
307,895	2,198,506	18,93,819	0 13 9	4,165,669	41,33,619	0 15 10	31,66,709	8,72,097	36,391	33,669	28,219	116,961	2,87,454
26,653	206,106	3,56,005	1 11 8	574,339	9,74,211	1 11 2	7,51,403	2,58,186	8,118	9,129	3,737	31,443	1,51,026
26,384	227,037	2,71,739	1 3 2	894,525	11,89,902	1 5 3	8,48,015	2,42,368	...	6,144	3,884	42,378	1,51,163
787	4,813	2,819	0 9 4	7,788	4,686	0 9 8	2,949	873	...	84	37	251	251
8	190	760	4 0 0	501,044	4,03,933	0 12 11	5,55,337	60,073	4,112	8,452	1,146	23,590	45,918
34,605	355,624	1,28,888	0 5 10	952,742	4,10,245	0 6 11	3,25,350	24,616	2,571	9,557	1,653	13,002	23,150
39,044	254,039	1,36,248	0 8 7	748,702	5,17,450	0 11 1	..	...	4,906	1,007	1,874	11,049	16,465
11,128	164,877	51,028	0 4 11	262,755	75,325	0 4 7	...	...	4,011	1,233	440	2,429	989
138,609	1,212,686	9,47,487	0 12 6	3,941,895	35,75,752	0 14 6	24,83,054	5,86,116	23,718	35,606	12,771	124,142	3,88,962
17,585	246,923	2,46,763	1 0 0	878,215	10,18,314	1 2 7	8,42,228	1,27,539	4,411	998	2,827	40,369	2,30,902
25,824	329,810	3,52,085	1 1 1	1,221,910	16,94,594	1 6 2	14,37,727	2,47,309	...	16,216	2,910	49,672	2,01,408
96	599	644	1 1 2	767,510	4,95,978	0 10 4	4,83,085	28,152	11,539	6,609	3,946	21,731	76,175
...	...	...	...	120,937	41,447	0 5 6	38,751	891	1,211	2,654	441	2,448	3,033
29,692	182,661	1,75,680	0 15 5	564,076	5,58,271	0 15 10	5,45,517	37,397	2,167	1,013	2,957	23,580	61,480
20,776	138,922	1,02,886	0 11 10	274,946	2,31,108	0 13 5	1,77,445	29,006	1,612	514	738	8,433	33,837
32,913	128,503	1,40,213	1 1 5	265,915	3,22,346	1 3 5	3,05,163	10,352	858	283	2,958	10,934	25,921
9,982	52,568	49,494	0 15 1	103,807	1,21,286	1 2 8	1,19,993	1,046	973	52	972	5,002	21,278
136,868	1,079,986	10,67,765	0 15 10	4,197,316	44,83,344	1 1 1	39,49,909	4,81,692	22,771	28,339	17,749	162,169	6,54,034
71,047	483,164	4,08,044	0 13 6	1,163,679	9,89,872	0 13 7	8,81,363	67,650	9,141	17,655	13,451	22,199	39,612
41,528	510,640	1,72,264	0 5 5	777,513	2,40,673	0 4 11	2,34,801	5,175	8,070	23,773	6,793	14,288	13,787
90,705	332,578	2,57,341	0 12 5	942,739	6,84,512	0 11 7	6,67,642	30,966	15,667	13,953	5,848	26,729	27,378
53,096	396,345	1,73,724	0 7 0	546,918	2,54,530	0 7 6	2,36,069	9,113	5,072	9,620	4,027	21,654	12,572
41,233	304,599	2,76,880	0 14 7	891,690	7,87,432	0 14 2	7,26,490	36,028	9,823	7,507	10,623	23,288	41,451
11,715	158,456	87,572	0 8 10	370,810	1,68,703	0 7 3	1,66,409	1,775	4,751	1,569	3,203	15,686	19,637
309,324	2,185,782	13,75,825	0 10 3	4,693,349	31,25,722	0 10 8	29,12,774	1,50,707	52,524	74,077	43,945	123,844	1,54,437
892,696	6,576,960	52,84,896	0 12 11	16,998,229	1,53,18,437	0 14 5	1,25,12,446	20,90,612	135,404	171,691	102,684	527,116	14,84,887
858,340	6,606,400	51,84,390	0 12 6	16,904,399	1,50,34,525	0 14 3	1,20,67,649	21,16,523	138,523	172,585	97,640	497,381	14,46,093

STATEMENT B-(I).—Showing the progress made in the allotment of

Division.	District.	Total No. of survey numbers, area and assessment in raiyatwari tract.			Previously alloted from commencement of Settlement to the end of previous year.		
		Number of survey numbers.	Area.	Assessment.	Number of survey numbers.	Area.	Assessment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			Acres.	Rs.		Acres.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE	Saugor ...	(a) 1,506	(a)8,398	(a) 6,115	(a)1,087	(a)5,432	(a)4,747
	Damoh ...	(a) 2,163	(a)16,704	(a)9,191	(a)1,755	(a)12,506	(a)7,592
	Jubbulpore ...	805	2,071	1,015	780	2,022	1,009
	Mandla ...	(a) 87,646	(a)381,843	(a)1,23,855	(a)62,633	(a)277,516	(a)98,296
	Seoni ...	8,790	79,214	24,123	(a)8,531	(a)76,950	(a)23,744
	Total ...	100,910	488,230	164,299	74,786	374,426	1,35,388
NERBUDDA	Narsinghpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hoshangabad ...	(a) 1,693	(a) 23,695	(a) 7,370	(a) 1,556	(a) 20,572	(a) 6,898
	Nimar ...	(a) 26,639	(a) 388,902	(a) 1,76,644	(a) 24,436	(a) 359.733	(a) 170,598
	Betul ...	(b) 6,128	(b) 64,339	(b) 9,894	(b) 5,660	(b) 58,533	(b) 9,271
	Chhindwara ...	(a) 2,833	(a) 29,072	(a) 6,949	(a) 2,788	(a) 28,902	(a) 6,914
	Total ...	37,293	506,008	2,00,857	34,440	467,740	1,93,681
NAGPUR	Wardha ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur ...	(a) 182	(a) 2,257	(a) 1,818	(a) 180	(a) 2,235	(a) 1,804
	Chanda ...	(b) 15,570	(b) 125,757	(b) 43,241	(b) 11,876	(b) 97,076	(b) 37,929
	Bhandara ...	275	2,223	678	(c) 202	(c) 1,382	(c) 497
	Balaghat ...	(c) 12,333	(c) 156,558	(c) 37,815	(c) 8,133	(c) 104,222	(c) 32,702
	Total ...	28,360	286,795	83,552	20,391	204,915	72,932
CHHATTISGARH	Raipur ...	(b) 6,137	(b) 10,958	(b) 4,789	(b) 6,019	(b) 10,280	(b) 4,669
	Bilaspur ...	753	(a) 1,515	(a) 840	750	(a) 1,489	(a) 834
	Drug ...	20	83	45	20	83	45
	Total ...	6,910	12,556	5,674	6,789	11,852	5,548
	GRAND TOTAL ...	173,473	1,293,589	4,54,382	136,406	1,058,933	407,549

JUBBULPORE

(a) Last year's

NERBUDDA

(a) The increase or decrease in the figures

(b) The increase in figures in columns 3 to 11

NAGPUR

(a) The difference is due to

(b) The increase is due to

(c) The difference is due to

CHHATTISGARH

(a) Last year's

(b) The increase is due to the inclusion of a newly surveyed Raiyatwari village in the

Waste Lands during the year ending the 30th September 1917.

Available for allotment at commencement of year under report.			Alloted during the year under report.			Relinquished during the year under report.			Balance for allotment at the end of year under report.		
Number of survey numbers.	Area.	Assessment.	Number of survey numbers.	Area.	Assessment.	Number of survey numbers.	Area.	Assessment.	Number of survey numbers.	Area.	Assessment.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Acres.	Rs.		Acres.	Rs.		Acres.	Rs.		Acres.	Rs.
419	2,966	1,368	78	531	445	10	70	95	351	2,505	1,018
408	4,198	1,599	53	420	205	103	902	462	458	4,680	1,856
25	49	6	11	29	5	...	...	...	14	20	1
25,013	104,327	25,559	6,679	31,211	9,166	6,867	30,141	10,806	25,201	103,257	27,199
259	2,264	379	98	917	259	53	533	146	214	1,880	266
26,124	113,804	28,911	6,919	33,108	10,080	7,033	31,646	11,509	26,238	112,342	30,340
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(a) 137	(a) 3,123	(a) 472	89	1,780	396	77	1,196	335	125	2,589	411
(a) 2,203	(a) 29,169	(a) 6,046	653	9,384	2,785	562	8,081	2,535	2,112	27,866	5,796
(b) 468	(b) 5,806	(b) 623	153	1,806	285	73	805	142	388	4,805	480
(a) 45	(a) 170	(a) 35	43	568	115	45	570	122	47	172	42
2,853	38,268	7,176	938	13,538	3,581	757	10,652	3,134	2,672	35,382	6,729
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(a) 2	(a) 22	(a) 14	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	22	14
(b) 3,694	(b) 28,681	(b) 5,312	357	3,222	921	202	1,924	601	3,539	27,383	4,992
73	841	181	16	208	60	6	55	25	63	688	146
(c) 4,200	(c) 52,336	5,113	774	9,968	2,662	554	7,035	1,988	3,980	49,403	4,439
7,969	81,880	10,620	1,147	13,398	3,643	762	9,014	2,614	7,584	77,496	9,591
118	678	120	163	504	115	87	107	59	42	281	64
3	26	6	16	21	11	18	36	19	5	41	14
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
121	704	126	179	525	126	105	143	78	47	322	78
37,057	234,656	46,833	9,183	60,569	17,430	8,657	51,455	17,335	36,541	225,542	46,737

DIVISION.
figures were wrong.

DIVISION.
in columns 3 to 11 is due to revision of settlement.
is due to conversion of 6 survey numbers into Minhai.

DIVISION.
correction of records.
conversion of Minhai to Kabilkast.
revision of Settlement.

DIVISION.
figures were incorrect.
Mahasamund Tahsil and to the formation of new survey numbers from the Minhai area in the Baloda Bazar Tahsil.

STATEMENT B-(II).—Showing the area held by the several

Division.	District.	Total area included in occupied survey numbers.	Held by Patels.			
			Number of holdings.	Area.	Revenue.	Rate per acre.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Acres.		Acres.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor	5,772	23	815	730	0 14 4
	Damoh	12,722	50	1,434	860	0 9 7
	Jubbulpore	2,026	7	155	98	0 10 1
	Mandla	286,589	548	23,302	9,359	0 6 5
	Seoni	78,192	185	9,733	3,682	0 6 1
	Total ...	385,301	813	35,439	14,729	0 6 7
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur	...	...	...	...	...
	Hoshangabad	21,694	30	1,402	495	0 5 8
	Nimar	360,415	325	21,060	11,579	0 8 10
	Betul	61,267	78	3,826	726	0 3 0
	Chhindwara	29,082	73	2,763	757	0 4 5
	Total ...	472,458	506	29,051	13,557	0 7 6
NAGPUR ...	Wardha	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur	2,235	7	402	346	0 13 10
	Chanda	98,620	177	7,207	2,738	0 6 1
	Bhandara	1,310	4	265	144	0 8 8
	Balaghat	103,501	209	11,184	4,894	0 7 0
	Total ...	205,666	397	19,058	8,122	0 6 10
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur	10,551	25	1,117	453	0 6 6
	Bilaspur	1,494	6	163	84	0 8 3
	Drug	7,387	17	747	326	0 7 0
	Total ...	19,432	48	2,027	863	0 7 3
	GRAND TOTAL ...	1,082,857	1,764	85,575	37,271	0 6 11

classes of holders in Raiyatwari Villages and the Revenue.

Held by Government Raiyats.				Service grants.			Sub-let by Patels.		Sub-let by Raiyats.	
Number of holdings.	Area.	Revenue.	Rate per acre.	Number of holdings.	Area.	Revenue.	Area.	Rent.	Area.	Rent.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Acres.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.		Acres.	Rs.	Acres.	Rs.	Acres.	Rs.
556	4957	4,232	0 13 8	...	...	...	104	95	850	761
1,001	11,131	6,672	0 9 8	23	158	96	178	144	940	888
241	1,855	886	0 7 8	2	16	5	23	37	229	521
17,964	257,349	95,413	0 5 11	404	5,938	2,106	519	228	4,862	4,763
4,765	67,852	21,988	0 5 2	43	607	167	1,396	468	2,087	876
24,527	343,144	1,39,191	0 6 2	472	6,719	2,374	2,220	972	8,968	4,809
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
816	20,222	6,644	0 5 3	4	70	7	91	52	921	43
14,442	336,460	1,57,756	0 7 6	164	2,895	1,308	682	1,655	8,038	16,556
2,616	56,913	9,280	0 2 7	35	528	75	24	41	71	112
1,485	26,264	6,164	0 3 9	4	55	12	104	57	1,010	80
19,359	439,859	1,79,844	0 6 7	807	3.548	1,402	901	1,805	10,040	17,191
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
125	1,833	1,458	0 12 9	...	...	...	...	...	140	766
6,465	90,799	34,755	0 6 1	49	614	210	331	777	5,906	7,381
67	1,045	328	0 5 0	...	...	...	3	...	13	5
7,454	91,274	36,223	0 6 4	70	1,043	302	1,084	951	3,186	2,435
14,111	184,951	72,764	0 6 3	119	1,657	512	1,418	1,728	9,245	9,897
839	9,434	4,311	0 7 4	...	...	...	6	21	145	349
139	1,299	727	0 8 11	5	32	11	24	7	54	61
575	6,640	2,856	0 6 11	...	...	...	....	...	37	9
1,553	17,373	7,894	0 7 9	5	32	11	30	28	236	419
59,550	985,327	3,89,693	0 6 4	803	11,956	4,299	4,569	4 533	28,489	32,316

STATEMENT C.—Showing financial results on account of Loans under the year ending the

I.—LOANS WITH

Division.	District.	State of Loans Accounts (Principal).					Recovery		
		Total amount of loans outstanding at commencement of the year.	Amount sanctioned for distribution during the year.	Paid out during the year.	Collected or written-off during the year (columns 11, 12 and 13).	Balance of loans outstanding at close of the year.	Demand falling due for recovery during the year.	Arrear demand of principal.	Total demand on account of principal.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor ...	26,746	51,845	13,505	24,683	15,568	24,870	48	24,918
	Damoh ...	9,545	30,500	10,938	17,129	3,354	14,983	3,470	18,453
	Jubbulpore ...	49,537	21,500	1,569	34,773	16,333	29,879	11,284	41,163
	Mandla ...	60,341	12,328	4,339	50,197	(a) 14,483	39,442	4,703	44,145
	Seoni ..	22,599	10,700	11,169	17,988	(b) 15,780	16,204	1,614	17,818
	Total ..	1,68,768	1,26,873	41,520	1,44,770	65,518	1,25,378	21,119	1,46,497
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur ...	49,621	75	75	35,564	14,132	25,830	10,928	36,758
	Hoshangabad ...	70,519	21,180	21,180	40,426	51,273	40,391	7,007	47,398
	Nimar ..	39,747	34,000	20,840	28,973	31,614	20,580	7,920	28,500
	Betul ...	12,744	7,750	6,440	7,799	11,385	6,886	46	6,932
	Chhindwara ...	13,756	9,700	9,700	16,443	7,013	15,476	1,380	16,856
	Total ...	1,86,387	72,705	58,235	1,29,205	1,15,417	1,09,163	27,281	1,36,444
NAGPUR ...	Wardha ...	21,474	26,180	23,726	20,853	24,347	20,935	...	20,935
	Nagpur ..	16,681	12,500	9,300	9,827	16,154	10,059	3,213	13,272
	Chanda ...	43,674	17,000	15,903	24,653	34,924	24,111	542	24,653
	Bhandara ..	10,056	900	900	7,300	3,656	7,425	...	7,425
	Balaghat ..	3,786	1,600	...	3,095	691	3,093	...	3,093
	Total ...	95,671	58,180	49,829	65,728	79,772	65,623	3,755	69,378
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur ...	15,290	22,000	12,209	16,555	10,944	16,079	476	16,555
	Bilaspur ...	87,928	13,500	2,738	73,963	16,703	63,811	22,077	85,888
	Drug ..	(b) 7,790	19,000	17,802	9,307	16,285	9,306	...	9,306
	Total ...	1,11,008	54,500	32,749	99,825	43,932	89,196	22,553	1,11,749
	GRAND TOTAL ...	5,61,834	3,12,258	1,82,333	4,39,528	3,04,639	3,89,360	74,708	4,64,068

Agriculturist's Loans Act, XI of 1884, *in the districts of the Central Provinces for the 30th September* 1917.

INTEREST.

of Principal.				Recovery of Interest.			Remarks.
Total collections on account of principal due.	Advance collections on account of principal which has not yet fallen due.	Principal written-off as irrecoverable.	Balance of demand on account of principal due for recovery.	Collection on account of interest during the year.	Interest written-off as irrecoverable.	Rate of interest recovered on mean of loans outstanding at commencement and close of the year (*i.e.*, ½ column 3 *plus* column 7).	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
24,581	102	...	337	1,738	...	8·23	
17,129	...	...	1,324	931	...	14·43	*Jubbulpore Division.*
33,271	1,502	...	7,892	3,023	...	9·17	(*a*) Includes Rs. 2,322 suspended.
43,485	6,596	116	544	3,923	6	10·48	(*b*) Do. 221 Do.
17,552	170	266	...	1,392	17	7·25	
1,36,018	8,370	382	10,097	11,007	23	9·40	
							Nerbudda Division.
34,269	1,295	...	2,489	3,352	...	10·51	(*a*) Includes Rs. 1,162 suspended.
40,193	233	...	(*c*) 7,205	5,383	...	8·84	(*b*) Do. 406 Do.
26,487	2,241	245	(*a*) 1,768	1,891	...	5·29	(*c*) Do. 6,159 Do.
6,884	915	...	(*d*) 48	716	...	5·93	(*d*) Do. 31 Do.
16,437	6	...	(*b*) 419	978	...	9·41	
1,24,270	4,690	245	11,929	12,320	..	8·16	
20,853	...	...	82	937	...	4·08	
9,827	...	...	3,445	756	...	4·6	
24,653	...	...	...	2,669	...	6·79	
7,300	...	...	125	569	...	8·3	
3,093	2	...	...	212	...	9·46	
65,726	2	...	3,652	5,143	...	5·84	
							Chhattisgarh Division.
16,555	...	..	..	732	...	5·58	(*a*) Excludes Rs. 40 which was wrongly included in principal having not fallen due.
72,415	1,548	...	(*a*) 13,433	7,690	...	14·70	(*b*) Includes Rs. 41 not taken into account last year.
9,306	1	...	...	516	...	4·28	
98,276	1,549	...	13,433	8,938	...	8·18	
4,24,290	14,611	627	39,111	37,408	23	6·39	

STATEMENT C.—Showing financial results on account of Loans under the year ending the

2.—LOANS WITHOUT

Division.	District.	State of Loans Accounts (Principal).					Recovery of		
		Total amount of loans outstanding at commencement of the year.	Amount sanctioned for distribution during the year.	Paid out during the year.	Collected or written-off during the year (columns 11, 12 and 13).	Balance of loans outstanding at close of the year.	Demand falling due for recovery during the year.	Arrear demand of principal.	Total demand on account of principal.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Damoh ...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
	Jubbulpore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Mandla ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Seoni ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hoshangabad ...	7	...	...	7	...	7	...	7
	Nimar ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Betul ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhindwara ...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
	Total ...	7	...	...	7	...	7	...	7
NAGPUR ...	Wardha ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chanda ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bhandara ...	8	...	...	8	...	8	...	8
	Balaghat ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	8	...	...	8	...	8	...	8
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bilaspur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Drug ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	GRAND TOTAL ...	15	...	...	15	...	15	...	15

Agriculturists' Loans Act, XI of 1884, *in the districts of the Central Provinces for the 30th September* 1917.—(Concld.)

INTEREST.

Principal.				Recovery of Interest.			Remarks.
Total collections on account of principal due.	Advance collections on account of principal which has not yet fallen due.	Principal written-off as irrecoverable.	Balance of demand on account of principal due for recovery.	Collection on account of interest during the year.	Interest written-off as irrecoverable.	Rate of interest recovered on mean of loans outstanding at commencement and close of the year (*i.e.*, ½ column 3 *plus* column 7).	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
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8	...	...	...	...	...	...	
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8	...	...	...	...	...	...	
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...	..	...	...	...	...	...	
15	..	...	...	...	...	...	

STATEMENT D.—Showing financial results on account of Loans under the Land Improvement Loans

I.—LOANS

Division.	District.	State of Loans Accounts (Principal).					Recovery of		
		Total amount of loans outstanding at commencement of the year.	Amount sanctioned for distribution during the year.	Paid out during the year.	Collected or written-off during the year (columns 11, 12 and 13).	Balance of loans outstanding at close of the year.	Demand falling due for recovery during the year.	Area demand of principal.	Total demand on account of principal.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor ...	52,028	2,455	855	15,903	36,980	16,216	126	16,342
	Damoh ...	1,27,227	3,000	3,535	27,105	1,03,657	24,088	4,677	28,765
	Jubbulpore ...	1,03,174	3,500	1,000	31,877	72,297	31,725	3,816	35,541
	Mandla ...	60,356	1,672	672	24,073	(a) 36,955	20,008	126	20,134
	Seoni ...	(b) 33,783	800	800	14,992	(c) 19,591	13,833	646	14,479
	Total ...	3,76,568	11,427	6,862	1,13,950	2,69,480	1,05,870	9,391	1,15,261
NURBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur ...	20,247	...	...	9,433	10,814	5,349	3,482	8,831
	Hoshangabad ...	10,984	1,200	1,200	2,808	9,376	2,990	...	2,990
	Nimar ...	11,221	2,000	550	4,387	7,384	2,324	2,258	4,582
	Betul ...	7,640	887	442	3,708	4,374	3,708	...	3,708
	Chhindwara ...	21,074	2,000	2,000	8,695	14,379	8,517	781	9,298
	Total ...	71,166	6,087	4,192	29,031	46,327	22,888	6,521	29,409
NAGPUR ...	Wardha ...	1,678	3,000	...	818	860	718	100	818
	Nagpur ...	16,170	5,500	1,800	6,519	11,451	6,660	144	6,804
	Chanda ...	26,224	10,000	6,735	7,117	25,842	7,385	244	7,629
	Bhandara ...	83,863	1,138	1,138	23,609	61,392	23,503	3,622	27,125
	Balaghat ...	23,891	3,765	1,945	8,094	17,742	8,063	...	8,063
	Total ...	1,51,826	23,403	11,618	46,157	1,17,287	46,329	4,110	50,439
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur ...	1,08,529	5,000	1,767	49,872	60,424	48,610	610	49,220
	Bilaspur ...	1,65,904	4,000	775	58,764	1,07,915	71,508	6,534	78,042
	Drug ...	(b) 29,028	3,500	1,983	12,785	18,226	11,414	...	11,414
	Total ...	3,03,461	12,500	4,525	1,21,421	1,86,565	1,31,532	7,144	1,38,676
	GRAND TOTAL ...	9,03,021	53,417	27,197	3,10,559	6,19,659	3,06,619	27,166	3,33,785

Act, XIX of 1883, *in the districts of the Central Provinces for the year ending the* 30*th September* 1917.

WITH INTEREST.

Principal.				Recovery of Interest.			Remarks.
Total collections on account of principal due.	Advance collections on account of principal which has not yet fallen due.	Principal written off as Irrecoverable.	Balance of demand on account of principal due for recovery.	Collection on account of interest during the year.	Interest written off as irrecoverable.	Rate of interest recovered on mean of loans outstanding at commencement and close of the year (*i e.*, ½ column 3 *plus* column 7.)	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
							JUBBULPORE DIVISION.
15,845	58	...	497	3,237	...	7·27	(*a*) Includes Rs. 2,755 suspended.
26,227	878	...	2,538	7,901	...	6·84	(*b*) Includes Rs. 25 on account of revenue assessed on four villages transferred from the Balaghat district.
30,517	1,360	...	5,024	5,828	...	6·64	(*c*) Includes Rs. 85 suspended.
20,029	4,044	...	105	4,278	...	·879	
14,337	655	...	142	2,055	...	7·70	
1,06,955	6,995	...	8,306	23,299	...	7·21	
							NERBUDDA DIVISION.
8,555	878	...	276	1,191	...	7·66	(*a*) Includes Rs. 419 suspended.
2,807	1	...	(*c*) 183	747	...	7·34	(*b*) „ Rs. 96 „
4,021	366	...	561 (*a*)	584	...	6·2	(*c*) „ Rs. 100 „
3,708	...	...	...	471	...	7·84	
8,640	55	...	658 (*b*)	1,215	...	6·85	
27,731	1,300	...	1,678	4,208	...	7·16	
818	...	...	...	212	...	16·70	
6,519	...	...	285	1,032	...	7·4	
7,115	2	...	514	1,443	...	5·54	
14,464	3	9,142	3,519	4,146	...	5·70	
8,063	31	...	...	1,269	...	6·09	
36,979	36	9,142	4,318	8,102	...	6·02	
							CHHATTISGARH DIVISION.
49,024	848	...	196	6,301	...	7·45	(*a*) Excludes Rs. 919 adjusted towards interest.
58,480	284	...	18,613 (*a*)	11,416	...	8·3	
11,414	1,371	...	...	2,093	...	8·85	(*b*) Excludes Rs. 205 collected last year but not taken into account last year.
1,18,918	2,503	...	18,809	19,810	...	8·20	
2,90,583	10,834	9,142	33,111	55,419	...	5·17	

STATEMENT D.—Showing financial results on account of Loans under the Land Improvement *September*

2.—LOANS

Division.	District.	State of Loans Accounts (Principal.)					Recovery of		
		Total account of loans outstanding at commencement of the year.	Amount sanctioned for distribution during the year.	Paid out during the year.	Collected or written-off during the year (columns 11, 12, and 13).	Balance of loans outstanding at close of the year.	Demand falling due for recovery during the year.	Area demand of principal.	Total demand on account of principal.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE	Saugor	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Damoh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Jubbulpore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Mandla	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
	Seoni	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
NURBUDDA	Narsinghpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hoshangabad	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nimar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Betul	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhindwara	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
NAGPUR	Wardha	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
	Chanda	6,079	...	...	906	5,173	906	...	906
	Bhandara	240	...	...	120	120	120	...	120
	Balaghat	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	6,319	...	...	1,026	5,293	1,026	..	1,026
CHHATTISGARH	Raipur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bilaspur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Drug	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	GRAND TOTAL	6,319	...	...	1,026	5,293	1,026	...	1,026

Loans Act, XIX of 1883, *in the districts of the Central Provinces for the year ending the* 30*th* 1917.—(Concld.)

WITHOUT INTEREST.

Principal.				Recovery of Interest.			Remarks.
Total collections on account of principal due.	Advance collections on account of principal which has not yet fallen due.	Principal written off as irrecoverable.	Balance of demand on account of principal due for recovery.	Collection on account of interest during the year.	Interest written-off as irrecoverable.	Rate of interest recovered on mean of loans outstanding at commencement and close of the year, (*i. e.*, ½ column 3 *plus* cloumn 7.)	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
906	...	...	...	...	...	...	
120	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
1,026	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
..	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
1,026	...	..	...	...	...	...	

STATEMENT E.—Showing the alterations which have occurred in the Demand of Land Revenue on the Roll during the Revenue year ending the 30th September 1917.

Division.	District.	Land revenue on roll on 1st October 1916.	Increase during the year.				Decrease during the year.			Net result.		Land revenue on the roll on the 1st October 1917.
			By revision of assessment.	By progressive assessment.	From any other cause.	Total of columns 4 to 6.	By revision of assessment.	From any other cause.	Total of (columns 8 and 9.)	Increase (column 7 *minus* column 10).	Decrease (column 10 *minus* column 7).	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE.	Saugor ...	(*a*) 8,05,605	233	...	...	233	180	66	246	...	13	8,05,592
	Damoh ...	(*a*) 4,63,661	...	522	19	541	...	28	28	513	...	4,64,174
	Jubbulpore ...	(*b*) 10,41,692	2,416	...	...	2,416	...	1,545	1,545	871	...	10,42,563
	Mandla ...	1,69,066	...	...	40	40	...	58	58	...	18	1,69,048
	Seoni ...	2,69,640	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	2,69,639
	Total ...	27,49,664	2,649	522	59	3,230	180	1,698	1,878	1,352	...	27,51,016
NERBUDDA.	Narsinghpur ...	6,36,569	...	...	...	...	...	244	244	...	244	6,36,325
	Hoshangabad ...	7,37,347	52,167	...	47	52,214	...	15	15	52,199	...	7,89,546
	Nimar ...	(*a*) 4,28,935	...	...	368	368	...	12	12	356	...	4,29,291
	Betul ...	2,76,430	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,76,430
	Chhindwara ...	3,49,183	36,924	...	111	37,035	730	7	737	36,298	...	3,85,481
	Total ...	24,28,464	89,091	...	526	89,617	730	278	1,008	88,609	...	25,17,073
NAGPUR.	Wardha ...	8,13,427	...	1,165	73	1,238	...	57	57	1,181	...	8,14,608
	Nagpur ...	(*a*) 13,56,702	...	...	2,022	2,022	...	139	139	1,883	...	13,58,585
	Chanda ...	3,29,313	...	...	89	89	...	107	107	...	18	3,29,295
	Bhandara ...	(*a*) 5,85,418	...	...	29	29	...	135	135	...	106	5,85,312
	Balaghat ...	2,89,823	27,300	...	6	27,306	11	193	204	27,102	...	3,16,925
	Total ...	33,74,683	27,300	1,165	2,219	30,684	11	631	642	30,042	...	34,04,725
CHHATTISGARH.	Raipur ...	7,70,661	...	...	...	...	...	649	649	...	649	7,70,012
	Bilaspur ...	6,13,174	...	...	289	289	...	...	...	289	..	6,13,463
	Drug ...	6,48,843	...	485	...	485	...	16	16	469	...	6,49,312
	Total ...	20,32,678	...	485	289	774	...	665	665	109	..	20,32,787
	GRAND TOTAL ...	1,05,85,489	1,19,040	2,172	3,093	1,24,305	921	3,272	4,193	1,20,112	...	1,07,05,601

JUBBULPORE DIVISION.

(*a*) Last year's figure was wrong.
(*b*) Includes Rs. 495 on account of progressive assessment.

NERBUDDA DIVISION.

(*a*) Includes Rs. 19 on account quit-rent of muafi plots not taken into account last year.

NAGPUR DIVISION.

(*a*) Last year's figure was wrong.

STATEMENT F.—Showing Demand and Collections during the Revenue year ending the 30th September 1917.

PART I (*a*).—LAND REVENUE ON THE ROLL—ARREARS.

Division.	District.	Demand.					Collections.	Balance.		
		Balance from previous year.	Remission during year.	Balance for collection.						
				Suspended.	Unsuspendend.	Total.		Suspended.	Unsuspended.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE.	Saugor ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Damoh ...	(*a*) 55	...	...	55	55	55	...	...	...
	Jubbulpore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
	Mandla ...	(*a*) 14	...	11	3	14	14	...	...	...
	Seoni ...	2,049	...	2,049	...	2,049	2,049	...	...	...
	Total ...	2,118	...	2,060	58	2,118	2,118	...	...	...
NERBUDDA.	Narsinghpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hoshangabad ...	(*a*) 66	...	...	66	66	66	...	...	...
	Nimar ...	(*a*) 3190	...	3,123	67	3,190	3,190	...	...	...
	Betul ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhindwara ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	3,256	...	3,123	133	3,256	3,256	...	...	...
NAGPUR.	Wardha ...	(*a*) 40	...	...	40	40	40	...	...	...
	Nagpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chanda ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bhandara ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Balaghat ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ..	40	...	...	40	40	40	...	...	...
CHHATTISGARH.	Raipur ...	(*a*) 2	...	...	2	2	2	...	...	...
	Bilaspur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Drug ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	2	...	...	2	2	2	...	...	...
	GRAND TOTAL ...	5,416	...	5,183	233	5,416	5,416	...	...	...

JUBBULPORE DIVISION,

(*a*) Last year's figure was incorrect.

NERBUDDA DIVISION.

(*a*) Last year's figures were wrong,

NAGPUR DIVISION.

(*a*) This amount was not taken into account last year.

CHHATTISGARH DIVISION.

(*a*) Last year's figure was wrong.

STATEMENT F.—Showing Demand and Collections during the Revenue year ending the 30th September 1917.—(Contd.)

PART I (*b*).—LAND REVENUE ON THE ROLL—CURRENT.

Division.	District.	Demand.						Collection.	Balance.			Collections in advance remaining to be adjusted at the close of the year.	Collected in advance on account of the following year.	Total collections in advance remaining to be adjusted.
		Demand according to kistbandi.	Abatement or remission granted during the year.	Suspension granted during the year.	Collected in advance during previous years and adjusted during the year.	Total deductions to be made (total of columns 4, 5 and 6).	Net demand for collection.		Suspended.	Unsuspended.	Total.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE.	Saugor	(*d*) 8,05,642	...	...	(*a*) 504	504	8,05,138	8,05,138	...	...	...	...	141	141
	Damoh	4,63,661	667	...	(*b*) 113	780	4,62,881	4,62,881	...	...	...	...	116	116
	Jubbulpore	(*c*) 10,41,692	4,358	...	264	4,622	10,37,070	10,36,649	...	421	421	...	214	214
	Mandla	1,69,066	21	...	196	217	1,68,849	1,68,849	...	...	...	...	120	120
	Seoni	2,69,640	...	...	822	822	2,68,818	2,68,818	...	...	...	12	575	587
	Total	27,49,701	5,046	...	1,899	6,945	27,42,756	27,42,335	...	421	421	12	1,166	1,178
NERBUDDA.	Narsinghpur	6,36,569	...	...	24	24	6,36,545	6,36,545	...	...	...	...	4	4
	Hoshangabad	(*a*) 7,89,514	9,222	...	365	9,527	7,79,987	7,79,362	...	625	625	...	28	28
	Nimar	(*e*) 4,28,935	...	...	5	5	4,28,930	4,28,839	...	91	91	...	15	15
	Betul	2,76,430	...	...	20	20	2,76,410	2,76,410	...	...	...	...	26	26
	Chhindwara	(*b*) 3,86,107	624	...	648	1,272	3,84,835	3,84,835	...	...	...	...	511	511
	Total	25,17,555	9,846	...	1,002	10,848	25,06,707	25,05,991	...	716	716	...	584	584
NAGPUR.	Wardha	8,13,472	...	...	350	350	8,13,122	8,13,077	...	45	45	...	48	48
	Nagpur	13,56,702	...	...	26	26	13,56,676	13,56,676	...	...	...	173	...	173
	Chanda	3,29,313	...	...	105	105	3,29,208	3,29,160	...	48	48	...	80	80
	Bhandara	5,85,418	...	...	11	11	5,85,407	5,85,407	...	...	...	9	15	24
	Balaghat	(*a*) 3,17,109	...	...	(*a*) 160	160	3,16,949	3,16,949	...	...	...	...	130	130
	Total	34,02,014	...	...	652	652	34,01,362	34,01,269	...	93	93	182	273	455
CHHATTISGARH.	Raipur	7,70,661	1,324	...	(*c*) 1,574	2,898	7,67,763	7,67,465	...	298	298	263	1,620	1,883
	Bilaspur	6,13,174	...	...	84	84	6,13,090	6,13,080	...	10	10	...	71	71
	Drug	(*a*) 6,49,328	16	991	(*b*) 351	1,358	6,47,970	6,47,970	991	...	991	8	280	288
	Total	20,33,163	1,340	991	2,009	4,340	20,28,823	20,28,515	991	308	1,299	271	1,971	2,242
	Grand Total	1,07,02,433	16,232	991	5,562	22,785	1,06,79,648	1,06,78,110	991	1,538	2,529	465	3,994	4,459

JUBBULPORE DIVISION.

(*a*) Excludes Rs. 24 refunded.

(*b*) Difference of Re. 1 is due to rounding of figures.

(*c*) Includes Rs. 495 on account of progressive assessment.

(*d*) Includes Rs. 37 on account of revision of settlement.

NERBUDDA DIVISION.

(*a*) Includes Rs. 52,167 on account of revision of assessment.

(*b*) „ Rs. 36,924 „ „

(*c*) „ Rs. 19 on account of quit-rent of muafi plots which was not taken into account last year.

NAGPUR DIVISION.

(*e*) The difference is due to revision of settlement.

CHHATTISGARH DIVISION.

(*a*) Includes Rs. 485 owing to progressive assessment.

(*b*) Excludes Rs. 112 refunded.

(*c*) Includes Rs. 628 on account of remissions on current account.

STATEMENT F.—Showing Demand and Collections during the Revenue year ending the 30th September 1917.—(Contd.)

PART II.—LAND REVENUE NOT ON THE ROLL.

Division.	District.	Demand.		Collected in advance during previous year.	Net demand (total of columns 3 and 4 *minus* column 5).	Collections.		Balance.		Collected in advance on account of the year following.
		Balance from previous year.	For year under report.			On account of previous year.	On account of year under report.	On account of previous year (column 3 *minus* column 7).	On account of year under report (column 4 *minus* total of columns 5 and 8).	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE.	Saugor ...	...	5,113	5	5,108	...	5,108	...	...	6
	Damoh ...	(*a*) 117	8,315	(*b*) 2	8,430	112	8,313	5	...	22
	Jubbulpore ...	...	4,170	...	4,170	...	4,170	...	...	...
	Mandla ...	(*c*) 1,317	1,07,803	42	1,09,078	1,317	1,07,761	...	...	23
	Seoni ...	1,658	25 240	(*d*) 113	26,785	1,658	25,091	...	36	43
	Total ...	3,092	1,50,641	162	1,53,571	3,087	1,50,443	5	36	94
NERBUDDA.	Narsinghpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hoshangabad ...	...	7,299	...	7,299	...	7,295	...	4	7
	Nimar ...	(*a*) 3991	1,68,150	22	1,72,119	3,413	1,67,779	578	349	21
	Betul ...	(*b*) 2	10,143	...	10,145	2	10,143	...	...	1
	Chhindwara ...	...	6,921	10	6,911	...	6,911	...	...	3
	Total ...	3,993	1,92,513	32	1,96 474	3,415	1,92,128	578	353	32
NAGPUR.	Wardha ...	...	732	...	732	...	732	...	...	...
	Nagpur ...	...	7,016	...	7,016	...	7,016	...	...	...
	Chanda ...	...	45,456	32	45,424	...	45,297	...	127	24
	Bhandara ...	(*a*) 51	785	...	836	51	706	...	79	...
	Balaghat ...	69	41,566	1	41,634	69	41,543	...	22	...
	Total ...	120	95,555	33	95,642	120	95,294	...	228	24
CHHATTISGARH.	Raipur ...	(*a*) 4	4,996	...	5,000	4	4,988	...	8	...
	Bilaspur ...	...	1,921	1	1,920	...	834	...	1,086	1
	Drug ...	...	4,086	3	4,083	...	4,083	...	...	10
	Total ...	4	11,003	4	11,003	4	9,905	..	1,094	11
	GRAND TOTAL ...	7,209	4 49,712	231	4,56,690	6 626	4,47,770	583	1,711	161

JUBBULPORE DIVISION.

(*a*) Includes Rs. 66 on account of resumption of muafi.
(*b*) Excludes Rs. 21 refunded.
(*c*) ,, Rs. 424 remitted.
(*d*) ,, Rs. 7 on account of difference between the Tauzi and Khationi figures.

NERBUDDA DIVISION.

(*a*) Excludes Rs. 848 remitted and includes Rs. 8 not taken into account last year.
(*b*) Excludes Rs. 12 remitted.

NAGPUR DIVISION.

(*a*) Last year's figure was wrong.

CHHATTISGARH DIVISION.

(*a*) Last year's figure was incorrect.

STATEMENT F.—Showing Demand and Collections during the Revenue year ending the 30th September 1917.—(Contd.)

PART III.—CESSES ASSESSED ON THE LAND REVENUE.

Division.	District.	Demand.		Collected in advance during previous year.	Net demand.	Collections.		Balance.		Collected in advance on account of the year following.
		Balance from previous year.	For year under report.			On account of previous year.	On account of year under report.	On account of previous year.	On account of year under report.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor ...	...	46,992	65	46,927	...	46,927	...	...	22
	Damoh ...	3	27,242	11	27,234	3	27,231	...	...	...
	Jubbulpore ...	...	61,570	55	61,515	...	61,325	...	190	11
	Mandla ...	7	15,646	13	15,640	7	15,633	...	...	2
	Seoni ...	...	16,951	21	16,930	...	16,930	...	...	13
	Total ...	10	1,68,401	165	1,68,246	10	1,68,046	...	190	48
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur ...	...	35,768	7	35,761	...	35,761	...	...	7
	Hoshangabad ...	...	46,516	3	46,513	...	46,477	...	36	10
	Nimar ...	(a)5	40,344	16	40,333	3	40,312	2	16	4
	Betul ...	...	15,883	33	15,850	...	15,850	...	...	40
	Chhindwara ...	...	23,380	11	23,369	...	23,369	...	...	64
	Total ...	5	1,61,891	70	1,61,826	3	1,61,769	2	52	125
NAGPUR ...	Wardha ...	...	47,597	55	47,542	...	47,542	...	...	143
	Nagpur ...	...	81,973	6	81,967	...	81,967	...	...	10
	Chanda ...	...	23,450	...	23,450	...	23,449	...	1	2
	Bhandara ...	...	33,060	3	33,057	...	33,057	...	...	7
	Balaghat ...	4	21,529	2	21,531	4	21,526	...	1	3
	Total ...	4	2,07,609	66	2,07,547	4	2,07,541	...	2	165
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur ...	...	49,175	151	49,024	...	49,015	..	9	128
	Bilaspur ...	...	41,313	43	41,270	...	41,268	...	2	15
	Drug ...	...	40,278	11	40,267	...	40,267	...	...	1
	Total ...	...	1,30,766	205	1,30,561	...	1,30,550	...	11	144
	GRAND TOTAL ..	19	6,68,667	506	6,68,180	17	6,67,906	2	255	482

NERBUDDA DIVISION.

(a) Excludes Rs. 37 remitted.

STATEMENT F.—Showing Demand and Collections during the Revenue year ending the 30th September 1917.—(Concld.)

PART IV.—MISCELLANEOUS LAND REVENUE.

Division.	District.	Demand.		Collected in advance during previous year.	Net demand (total of columns 3 and 4 *minus* column 5.)	Collections.		Balance.		Collected in advance on account of the year following.
		Balance from previous year.	For year under report.			On account of previous year.	On account of year under report.	On account of previous year (column 3 *minus* column 7.)	On account of year under report (column 4 *minus* total of columns 5 and 8.)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
JUBBULPORE.	Saugor ..	(*a*)	3,050	...	3,050	...	3,028	...	22	...
	Damoh	...	768	...	768	...	768	...	...	...
	Jubbulpore ...	...	25,921	...	25,921	...	25,921	...	...	...
	Mandla ...	...	973	...	973	...	973	...	...	...
	Seoni ..	...	1,424	...	1,424	...	1,424	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	32,136	...	32,136	...	32,114	...	22	...
NERBUDDA.	Narsinghpur ...	6,019(*a*)	22,789	1	28,807	6,019	15,009	...	7,779	...
	Hoshangabad ...	102 (*a*)	2,148	603	1,647	102	1,461	...	84	...
	Nimar ...	...	4,525	...	4,525	...	4,525	...	...	...
	Betul ...	...	2,503	420	2,083	...	2,083	...	...	100
	Chhindwara ...	...	35,211	...	35,211	...	35,211	...	...	...
	Total ...	6,121	67,176	1,024	72,273	6,121	58,289	...	7,863	100
NAGPUR.	Wardha ..	305	8,633	...	8,938	...	8,608	305	25	7
	Nagpur ...	11	39,159	...	39,170	11	38,968	...	191	...
	Chanda ...	1,425	20,252	...	21,677	1,425	19,087	...	1,165	...
	Bhandara ...	540	29,121	...	29,661	540	17,356	...	11,765	...
	Balaghat ...	...	24,279	...	24,279	...	24,279	...	...	...
	Total ...	2,281	1,21,444	...	1,23,725	1,976	1,08,298	305	13,146	7
CHHATTISGARH.	Raipur ...	...	4,482	67	4,415	...	4,323	...	92	66
	Bilaspur ...	...	5,558	...	5,558	...	5,216	...	342	...
	Drug ...	...	2,171	185	1,986	...	1,986	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	12,211	252	11,959	...	11,525	...	434	66
	GRAND TOTAL ...	8,402	2,32,967	1,276	2,40,093	8,097	2,10,226	305	21,465	173

JUBBULPORE DIVISION.

(*a*) Remitted.

NERBUDDA DIVISION.

(*a*) Last year's figures were incorrect.

STATEMENT G.—Showing Coercive Processes used in collection of Land Revenue under the 30th September

Division.	District.	Notice of demand under Section 93.			Arrest under Section 94 (*a*).		
		Total number of mahals in district.	Number of notices of demand issued.	Amount of revenue involved.	Number of defaulters brought to district or tahsil head-quarters under a warrant of arrest.	Number of defaulters imprisoned in Civil Jail.	Amount of revenue involved.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
				Rs.			Rs.
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor ...	2,252	49	12,960	10	...	4,569
	Damoh ...	1,459	67	11,311	21	...	5,190
	Jubbulpore ...	2,570	44	10,730	52	...	24,781
	Mandla ...	(*a*) 2,013	7	426	11	...	1,922
	Seoni ...	(*b*) 1,736	51	7,568	...	...	...
	Total ...	10,030	218	42,995	94	...	36,462
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur ...	1,309	16	4,489	3	...	1,633
	Hoshangabad ...	(*a*) 1,493	38	7,720	5	...	1,451
	Nimar ...	811	24	9,805	6	1	1,219
	Betul ...	1,223	55	8,182	...	...	...
	Chhindwara ...	(*a*) 1,419	27	5,217	5	...	375
	Total ...	6,255	160	35,413	19	1	4,688
NAGPUR ...	Wardha ...	1,905	13	4,431	4	..	1,037
	Nagpur ...	2,496	6	2,660	24	...	10,660
	Chanda ...	1,705	49	6,281	11	...	1,866
	Bhandara ...	1,600	12	2,491	...	...	...
	Balaghat ...	(*a*) 1,435	...	...	1	...	205
	Total ...	9,141	80	15,863	40	...	13,768
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur ...	2,158	19	3,378	4	...	619
	Bilaspur ...	2,116	28	5,578	2	...	21,454
	Drug ...	1,720	58	328	3	...	1,560
	Total ...	5,994	105	9,284	9	...	23,633
	GRAND TOTAL ...	31,420	563	1,03,555	162	1	78,551

JUBBULPORE

(*a*) The reduction of two mahals is due to the transfer of one village to the Forest

(*b*) Includes 4 villages transferred

NERBUDDA

(*a*) The increase or decrease in the figures

NAGPUR

(*a*) The decrease of 5 mahals is due to transfer of 4 mahals to the Seoni

Sections 93 *and* 94 *of the Central Provinces Land Revenue Act during the Revenue year ending* 1917.

Attachment and sale of property under Section 94 (*b*).				Attachment, transfer or sale of estate in respect of which arrear accrued, or of other immoveable property belonging to defaulter Section 94 (*c*), (*d*), (*e*), (*f*) and (*g*).					
Number of attachments ordered.	Number of attachments effected.	Number of sales carried out.	Amount of revenue involved.	Number of estates attached and held under management [Clause (*c*)].	Number of estates transferred [Clause (*d*)].	Number of estates the Settlement of which was annulled [Clause (*e*)].	Number of estates or properties sold [Clauses (*f*) and (*g*)].	Amount of Revenue involved.	Remarks.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			Rs.					Rs.	
188	37	1	58,459	...	...	...	...	...	
206	21	1	29,768	...	...	...	...	...	
144	56	3	45,658	...	...	...	...	...	
81	3	1	8,579	...	...	...	...	...	
431	22	1	32,341	...	...	...	...	...	
1,050	139	7	1,74,805	...	...	...	...	...	
65	19	...	21,364	2	...	...	...	1,124	
132	43	...	41,546	...	...	...	...	...	
56	13	1	15,761	2	...	...	...	407	
116	8	...	20,013	...	...	...	...	...	
222	20	1	57,340	...	...	...	...	...	
591	103	2	1,56,024	4	...	...	...	1,531	
158	49	3	38,356	...	...	...	...	...	
115	37	2	38,730	...	...	...	...	...	
182	3	...	13,533	...	...	...	...	...	
268	30	1	44,327	...	...	...	...	...	
62	7	...	9,573	...	...	...	...	...	
785	126	6	1,44,519	...	...	...	...	...	
233	39	1	46,611	...	...	...	...	...	
339	38	...	43,936	...	...	...	...	...	
241	33	..	48,154	...	...	...	...	...	
813	110	1	1,38,701	...	...	...	...	...	
3,239	478	16	6,13,049	4	...	...	...	1,531	

DIVISION.
Department and to the amalgamation of one village in the Raiyatwari tract.
from the Balaghat District.

DIVISION.
is due to the revision of Settlement.

DIVISION.
District and the acquisition of one mahal for amplifying the forest boundary.

STATEMENT H.—Showing the extent and amount of Land Revenue Assignments

Division.	District.	For maintenance of public			Rev
		No.	Area.	Assessable.	Realizable.
1	2	3	4	5	6
			Acres.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor ...	15	80	31	
	Damoh ...	28	158	96	...
	Jubbulpore ...	...	...	...	...
	Mandla ..	404	5,946	2,106	...
	Seoni ...	44	627	173	...
	Total ...	491	6,811	2,406	4
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur ...	...	...	...	...
	Hoshangabad ...	4	70	13	...
	Nimar ...	166	2,859	1,304	...
	Betul ...	...	...	...	...
	Chhindwara ...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	170	2,929	1,317	...
NAGPUR ...	Wardha ...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur ...	...	...	...	...
	Chanda ...	...	...	...	...
	Bhandara ...	...	...	...	...
	Balaghat ...	..	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	...	...	...
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur ...	...	...	...	...
	Bilaspur ..	...	...	...	...
	Drug ...	...	...	...	...
	Total ..	...	...	...	...
	GRAND TOTAL ...	661	9,740	3,723	4

existing at the end of the revenue year ending the 30th September 1917.

servants.	On other grounds.					Remarks.
enue.			Revenue.			
Assigned.	Number.	Area.	Assessable.	Realizable.	Assigned.	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13.
Rs.		Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
27	537	70,378	32,708	1,272	31,436	Figures in columns 6 to 10 do not correspond with those of last year owing to certain resumption of Muafis during the year under report.
96	89	107,518	30,113	8,574	21,539	
...	324	252,784	96,801	38,174	58,627	
2,106	40	19,023	5,668	2,194	3,474	
173	110	149,406	28,654	5,494	23,156	
2,402	1,100	369,109	1,93,944	55,712	1,38,232	
...	151	31,649	13,375	4,139	9,236	
13	109	65,965	38,218	3,191	35,027	
1,304	1,236	194,737	90,888	6,654	84,234	
...	80	20,343	3,715	1,957	1,758	
...	263	92,833	31,742	20,276	11,466	
1,317	1,839	405,527	1,77,938	36,217	1,41,721	
...	271	77,697	59,229	21,229	38,000	
...	685	217,622	124,606	52,014	72,592	
...	565	156,513	36,329	19,501	16,828	
...	100	51,443	17,996	8,152	9,844	
...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	1,621	503,275	2,38,160	1,00,896	1,37,264	
...	41	50,433	14,228	14,111	117	
...	33	27,693	11,554	2,025	9,529	
...	19	13,284	5,038	208	4,830	
...	93	91,410	30,820	16,344	14,476	
3,719	4,653	1,369,321	6,40,862	2,09,169	4,31,693	

STATEMENT J.—Showing Mutations in possession of proprietary rights due to sale or during the Revenue year ending

Division.	District.	Private sales.			
		Number of mahals or shares in mahals.	Area.	Land revenue assessed or assessable.	Consideration money.
1	2	3	4	5	6
			Acres.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor	117	22,024	8,457	1,83,379
	Damoh ...	89	13,409	4,370	72,651
	Jubbulpore ...	186	40,713	16,872	3,75,534
	Mandla ..	49	20,030	1,632	59,458
	Seoni ...	99	32,727	5,502	2,31,208
	Total ..	540	128,903	36,833	9,22,230
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur ...	23	8,253	6,323	1,38,041
	Hoshangabad ..	17	6,103	3,166	73,759
	Nimar ...	71	14,615	7,414	1,25,989
	Betul ...	48	15,733	6,457	91,914
	Chhindwara ...	144	20,189	3,609	2,29,570
	Total ...	303	64,893	26,969	6,59,273
NAGPUR ...	Wardha ...	164	9,059	5,457	1,70,632
	Nagpur ...	112	19 939	12,247	2,49,747
	Chanda ...	60	10,991	2,196	36,923
	Bhandara ...	66	12,808	2,607	1,27,098
	Balaghat ...	18	3,109	1,297	41,300
	Total ...	420	55,906	23,804	6,25,690
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur ...	107	20,084	5,920	2,86,585
	Bilaspur ...	85	9,983	2,828	1,62,768
	Drug ...	106	15,570	5,795	2,64,965
	Total ...	298	45,642	14,543	7,14,318
	GRAND TOTAL ...	1,561	295,344	1,02,149	29,21,511

STATEMENT K.—Showing progress made in disposal of Partition Cases

Division.	District.	Number pending at beginning of year.	Number instituted during the year.	Total.	Number adjusted with-drawn, or struck off in default, &c.	Number disposed of by actual partition.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor ...	2	48	50	20	2
	Damoh ...	12	4	16	1	5
	Jubbulpore ...	7	15	22	7	10
	Mandla ...	3	18	21	12	2
	Seoni ...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	24	85	109	40	19
NERBUDDA ..	Narsinghpur ...	2	8	10	1	2
	Hoshangabad ..	9	6	15	8	...
	Nimar ...	11	22	33	5	18
	Betul ...	3	...	3	...	3
	Chhindwara ...	...	17	17	6	1
	Total ...	25	53	78	20	24
NAGPUR ...	Wardha ...	23	23	46	8	24
	Nagpur ...	10	45	55	15	9
	Chanda ...	4	8	12	...	6
	Bhandara ...	3	...	3	...	3
	Balaghat ...	9	15	24	13	1
	Total ...	49	91	140	36	43
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur ...	11	19	30	3	14
	Bilaspur ..	16	11	27	5	8
	Drug ...	22	41	63	13	16
	Total ...	49	71	120	21	38
	GRAND TOTAL ..	147	300	447	117	124

mortgage or lease, as registered under Section 125 of the Central Provinces Land Revenue Act the 30th September 1917.

Sale by order of court in foreclosure or in execution of decrees.				Mortgage with possession and transf ers by virtue of leases.			
Number of mahals or shares in mahals.	Area.	Land revenue assessed or assessable.	Consideration money.	Number of mahals or shares in mahals.	Area.	Land revenue assessed or assessable.	Consideration money.
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.		Acres.	Rs.	Rs.
20	3,770	1,207	34,941	17	3,782	1,599	12,844
13	1,346	708	8,394	9	2,900	792	4,211
27	9,936	4,577	47,631	20	4,652	2,275	8,265
2	514	36	865	...	...	...	...
18	5,459	1,812	60,609	2	1,436	80	...
80	21,025	8,340	1,52,440	48	12,770	4,766	25,320
11	3,429	1,913	28,830	6	1,258	725	9,500
8	5,960	2,815	63,734	6	1,930	1,215	9,075
10	3,778	1,284	10,167	1	539	175	1,800
10	3,203	780	19,478	...	...	...	...
32	11,303	1,944	58,146	8	13,636	448	3,850
71	27,673	8,736	1,80,355	21	17,363	2,563	24,225
35	4,059	2,508	42,830	12	4,031	2,881	16,890
24	3,915	1,898	5,092	5	1,293	1,429	5,800
14	3,494	816	20,970	...	...	...	...
13	33,076	1,719	11,427	6	5,190	1,980	...
28	13,196	4,739	2,000	4	797	368	100
114	57,740	11,680	82,319	27	11,311	6,658	22,790
15	27,620	3,594	68,863	...	...	...	...
11	5,070	1,062	31,905	2	535	130	400
10	5,360	2,145	74,418	...	...	...	...
36	38,050	6,801	1,75,186	2	535	130	400
301	1,44,488	35,557	5,90,300	98	41,979	14,117	72,735

under the Land Revenue Act during the Revenue year ending the 30th September 1917.

Total of columns 6 and 7.	Number pending at close of year.	Date of institution of oldest case pending.	Details of partitions effected during year.			Remarks.
			Number of mahals formerly.	Number of mahals now.	Area partitioned.	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
					Acres.	
22	28	11-10-1916	3	5	253	
6	10	3-7-1916	8	23	2,880	
17	5	3-4-1917	13	36	4,791	
14	7	17-4-1917	2	4	1,174	
...	...	...	...	...	...	
59	50	...	26	68	9,098	
3	7	15-12-1916	2	6	753	
8	7	12-5-1913	...	...	...	
23	10	24-10-1914	19	48	24,869	
3	...	...	3	11	3,962	
7	10	18-10-1916	1	2	5,154	
44	34	...	25	67	34,738	
32	14	2-1-1917	28	69	22,005	
24	31	22-12-1916	9	25	6,657	
6	6	18-12-1916	6	18	7,167	
3	...	...	4	13	2,639	
14	10	8-3-1917	5	5	392	
79	61	...	52	130	38,860	
17	13	10-8-16	...	33	49,191	
13	14	19-8-15	8	20	5,141	
29	34	16-6-16	16	36	15,988	
59	61	...	24	89	70,320	
241	206	...	127	354	153,016	

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT L.—Showing work under certain heads of Revenue Business during the Revenue year ending the 30th September 1917.

Heads of Business.	Division.	Number of cases.			Particulars of disposal.		
		Pending at commencement of year.	Instituted during year.	Disposed of during year.	Withdrawn, compromised or referred to Civil Court.	Rejected in default as time barred or after inquiry.	Decided wholly or partially in favour of applicants.
Land Revenue Act.							
I.—Enquiries into the claims of thekadars to protected status under Section 65 (*a*) [Section 132 (*i*)].	Jubbulpore ...	...	5	3	..	3	...
	Nerbudda ...	1	3	1	...	...	1
	Nagpur ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhattisgarh ...	8	12	13	4	9	...
	Total ...	9	20	17	4	12	1
II.—Application by lambardar for recovery of an arrear (Section 116).	Jubbulpore ...	25	137	143	20	45	78
	Nerbudda ...	10	116	115	15	32	68
	Nagpur ...	7	131	114	20	43	51
	Chhattisgarh ...	10	33	39	2	22	15
	Total ...	115	417	411	57	142	212
Tenancy Act.							
III.—Application by tenant to deposit rent (Section 8).	Jubbulpore ...	6	19	24	5	3	16
	Nerbudda ...	1	63	61	2	6	53
	Nagpur ...	...	22	21	2	7	12
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	280	280	3	11	266
	Total ...	7	384	386	12	27	347
IV.—Application by tenant for imposing penalty on landlord for levying anything in excess of rent legally payable (Section 10).	Jubbulpore ...	4	26	21	4	11	6
	Nerbudda ...	1	10	11	...	6	5
	Nagpur ...	...	4	3	...	1	2
	Chhattisgarh ..	1	18	16	4	2	10
	Total ...	6	58	51	8	20	23
V.—Application by tenant for imposing penalty on landlord for refusing to grant receipt for rent paid (Section 12).	Jubbulpore ...	5	28	29	8	17	4
	Nerbudda ...	...	10	10	1	5	4
	Nagpur ...	1	31	26	4	10	12
	Chhattisgarh ...	1	8	8	4	2	2
	Total ...	7	77	73	17	34	22
VI.—Application by landlord to enhance rent because of improvements made by him (Section 13).	Jubbulpore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nerbudda ...	...	...	...	..	...	...
	Nagpur ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
VII.—Application by tenant to have rent reduced owing to effect of improvement having ceased (Section 14).	Jubbulpore ...	...	1	1	...	...	1
	Nerbudda ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	12	12	...	...	12
	Total ...	...	13	13	...	...	13
VIII.—Application to enhance, alter or commute rent (Sections 15 to 17).	Jubbulpore ...	1	1	2	...	...	2
	Nerbudda ...	1	27	27	2	2	23
	Nagpur ...	...	1	1	...	1	...
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	555	555	...	1	554
	Total ...	2	584	584	2	4	579
IX.—Application by tenant against landlord for illegally distraining produce for holding (Section 30).	Jubbulpore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nerbudda ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur ...	...	5	5	...	5	...
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	5	5	...	5	...
X.—Application by landlord against person removing produce after service of distraint notice (Section 30).	Jubbulpore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nerbudda ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
XI.—Application to be placed in possession of surrendered occupancy holding (Section 36).	Jubbulpore ...	7	11	16	3	8	5
	Nerbudda ...	12	48	48	17	13	18
	Nagpur ...	14	34	28	4	14	10
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	14	11	...	8	3
	Total ...	33	107	103	24	43	36

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT L.—Showing work under certain heads of Revenue Business during the Revenue year ending the 30th September 1917.—(Concld.)

Heads of Business.	Division.	Number of cases.			Particulars of disposal.		
		Pending at commencement of year.	Instituted during year.	Disposed of during year.	Withdrawn, compromised or referred to Civil Court.	Rejected in default as time barred or after enquiry.	Decided wholly or partially in favour of applicants.
XII.—Application to transfer *sir* land [Section 45 (2)].	Jubbulpore ...	35	179	178	17	64	97
	Nerbudda ...	15	126	125	14	59	52
	Nagpur ...	33	204	174	18	95	61
	Chhattisgarh ...	36	133	135	6	52	77
	Total ...	119	642	612	55	270	287
XIII.—Application to set aside transfer made by occupancy tenant (Section 47).	Jubbulpore ...	4	55	35	4	19	12
	Nerbudda ...	15	50	33	8	15	0
	Nagpur ...	6	60	57	9	44	4
	Chhattisgarh ...	35	96	107	15	51	41
	Total ...	60	261	232	36	129	67
XIV.—Application to enhance rent of occupancy tenants (Section 51).	Jubbulpore ...	...	1	1	1	...	...
	Nerbudda ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur ...	...	2	1	...	1	...
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	1	1	...	...	1
	Total ...	...	4	3	1	1	1
XV.—Declaration of sub-tenants to have rights of ordinary tenants (Section 61).	Jubbulpore ...	1	1	2	...	...	2
	Nerbudda ...	...	1	1	...	1	...
	Nagpur ...	1	2	3	1	2	...
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	2	4	6	1	3	2
XVI.—Service of notice of enhancement on ordinary tenant (Section 64).	Jubbulpore ...	...	9	3	...	3	...
	Nerbudda ...	...	38	37	...	12	25
	Nagpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	14	14	...	14	...
	Total ...	...	61	54	...	29	25
XVII.—Application by landlord for ejectment of tenant in default of agreeing to enhancement [Section 65 (2)].	Jubbulpore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nerbudda ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur ...	3	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	3	...	...	...	...	...
XVIII.—Application to set aside transfer made by ordinary tenant (Section 71).	Jubbulpore ...	4	26	27	10	16	1
	Nerbudda ...	2	12	14	5	9	...
	Nagpur ...	2	10	11	4	4	3
	Chhattisgarh ...	16	100	82	8	49	25
	Total ...	24	148	134	27	78	29
XIX.—Application to confer occupancy rights and to fix rent of holding for purposes of Section 73.	Jubbulpore ...	...	2	2	1	...	1
	Nerbudda ...	1	2	3	...	2	1
	Nagpur ...	...	2	2	...	1	1
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	1	6	7	1	3	3
XX.—Fixation of fair rent on a reference by the Civil Court (Section 78).	Jubbulpore ...	...	3	3	1	...	2
	Nerbudda ...	...	1	1	...	1	...
	Nagpur ...	...	1	1	...	1	...
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	5	5	1	2	2
XXI.—Application for execution of decree by ejectment of tenant (Sections 82 and 85).	Jubbulpore ...	161	519	590	59	127	404
	Nerbudda ...	109	522	523	50	76	397
	Nagpur ...	63	480	439	104	139	196
	Chhattisgarh ...	16	142	122	32	14	76
	Total ...	349	1,663	1,674	245	356	1,073
XXII.—Application by tenant for reinstatement after illegal ejectment (Section 92).	Jubbulpore ...	35	153	171	33	81	57
	Nerbudda ...	10	39	45	6	21	18
	Nagpur ...	14	59	65	9	29	27
	Chhattisgarh ...	8	65	63	12	26	25
	Total ...	67	316	344	50	157	127

STATEMENT M.—Showing principal Suits between Landlords and Tenants under the Central
ending the

Division.	District.	Suits for arrears			
		Number disposed of during the year.			Number
		Compromised.	Decreed for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Decreed for defendant or dismissed in default.	Executed by sale of distrained produce.
1	2	3	4	5	6
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor	39	768	196	2
	Damoh	21	449	90	...
	Jubbulpore	46	751	178	42
	Mandla	27	243	47	...
	Seoni	23	397	50	...
	Total ...	156	2,608	561	44
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur	83	665	130	...
	Hoshangabad	61	669	109	5
	Nimar	38	229	63	...
	Betul	34	131	44	...
	Chhindwara	34	307	19	...
	Total ...	250	2,001	365	5
NAGPUR ...	Wardha	82	871	116	...
	Nagpur	72	847	124	291
	Chanda	26	228	51	...
	Bhandara	85	356	54	...
	Balaghat	20	57	29	...
	Total ...	285	2,359	374	291
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur	36	421	85	...
	Bilaspur	...	151	60	...
	Drug	15	340	27	...
	Total ...	51	912	172	...
	GRAND TOTAL ...	742	7,880	1,472	340

Provinces Tenancy Act, in the districts of the Central Provinces during the Revenue year 30th September 1917.

of rent.			Suits for ejectment of tenants on the ground that the holding consists entirely of *sir* land or under Section 52 (*b*).			Suits by tenants for recovery of possession.		
of decrees.			Number disposed of during year.			Number disposed of during the year.		
Transferred to Collector under Section 84.		Transferred to Revenue Officer under Section 85.	Compromised.	Decreed for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Decreed for defendant or dismissed in default.	Compromised.	Decreed for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Decreed for defendant or dismissed in default.
Total number transferred.	Number in which sale held by Collector during the year.							
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
17	...	137	...	4	2	1	1	4
50	6	100	...	...	...	3	7	9
47	...	151	...	...	...	...	8	9
...	...	52	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	...	71	...	15	11	...	4	10
118	6	511	...	19	13	4	20	32
45	...	62	...	1	...	...	1	...
67	5	262	...	1	...	1	7	2
7	1	61	...	...	...	1	6	7
...	87	...	...	...	...	2	2	4
9	...	59	...	4	...	1	8	12
128	93	444	...	6	...	5	26	25
29	...	149	...	...	...	...	2	...
27	8	281	...	2	...	...	2	6
...	...	12	...	...	...	...	2	6
3	...	62	...	2	2	...	...	1
5	...	5	...	2	...	5	6	7
64	8	509	...	6	2	5	12	20
2	...	73	13	12	4	3	12	18
...	...	8	...	9	...	2	6	13
...	...	59	...	1	4	1	6	12
2	...	140	13	22	8	6	24	43
312	107	1,604	13	53	23	20	82	120

STATENENT N.—Giving details of land sold by Collector under

Division.	District.	Number of sales ordered by Civil Courts.			Number of cases in which sale has been averted by payment of claim.	Number of cases in which sale has been averted by temporary alienation.
		Pending at close of preceding year.	During the year.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor ...	86	182	268	58	
	Damoh ...	90	111	201	67	...
	Jubbulpore ...	63	182	245	62	16
	Mandla ...	6	28	34	6	...
	Seoni ...	13	67	80	29	...
	Total ...	258	570	828	222	18
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur ...	96	139	235	60	15
	Hoshangabad ...	181	318	499	179	2
	Nimar ..	128	144	272	60	2
	Betul ...	27	47	74	9	1
	Chhindwara ...	50	140	190	36	6
	Total ...	482	788	1,270	344	26
NAGPUR ...	Wardha ...	145	354	499	160	5
	Nagpur ...	172	308	480	94	3
	Chanda ...	57	155	212	59	...
	Bhandara ...	77	235	312	71	1
	Balaghat ...	41	34	75	36	...
	Total ...	492	1,086	1,578	420	9
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur ..	23	170	193	47	5
	Bilaspur ...	29	70	99	24	5
	Drug ...	52	118	170	29	...
	Total ...	104	358	462	100	10
	GRAND TOTAL ...	1,336	2,802	4,138	1,086	63

precept from Civil Courts during the Revenue year ending the 30th September 1917.

Number of cases in which sale has taken place.		Number of cases in which sale has been refused on the decree-holder refusing to take a lease on reason-able terms.	Number of cases struck of in default or otherwise.	Number of cases pending at close of year.	Result of sales of Revenue-paying property.				Number of years' purchase (column 16 on column 13).
Villages, shares of villages and malik-makbuza plots.	Absolute occupancy holdings.				Amount of land revenue assessed on property transferred (column 8 only).	Price realized.	Add amount of encumb-rances known to exist on the property at the time of sale.	Theoretical deduced price (total of columns 14 and 15).	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
					Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
14	12	...	81	101	364	9,679	5,471	15,150	41·60
18	13	1	49	53	414	3,392	4,798	8,190	19·78
37	41	3	44	42	2,973	50,611	4,623	55,234	18·58
3	2	1	12	10	514	928	3,000	3,928	7·64
4	11	...	7	29	92	1,775	4,000	5,775	62·77
76	79	5	193	235	4,357	66,385	21,892	88,277	20·20
1	22	...	45	92	85	1,508	...	1,508	17·74
8	74	...	26	210	922	7,562	27,792	35,354	38·34
46	5	2	51	106	685	39,448	2,900	42,348	61·82
...	11	5	12	36	...	...	...	...	...
4	33	1	47	63	640	20,614	48,323	68,937	107·71
59	145	8	181	507	2,332	69,132	79,015	1,48,147	63·53
30	37	...	85	182	1,026	35,326	7,100	42,426	41·00
21	35	16	161	150	2,760	37,733	625	38,358	13·89
14	20	...	38	81	178	3,460	1,380	4,840	27·19
24	19	4	112	81	785	6,761	12,969	19,730	25·13
3	1	...	18	17	61	1,500	840	2,340	38·36
92	112	20	414	511	4,810	84,780	22,914	1,07,694	22·39
2	32	...	29	78	15	1,101	...	1,101	73·65
2	21	2	20	25	330	13,452	...	13,452	40·00
...	13	...	57	71	...	...	...	...	...
4	66	2	106	174	345	14,553	...	14,553	56·82
231	402	35	894	1,427	11,844	2,34,850	1,23,821	3,58,671	30·29

STATEMENT O.—*Showing General Revenue Business transacted*

Division.	District.	Cultivated area of district in square miles.	Population.	Number of villages.	Land Revenue excluding cesses.	Number of cases for disposal.		
						Pending at close of preceding year.	Instituted during the year.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
					Rs.			
Jubbulpore ...	Saugor ...	(*d*) 1,636	541,410	2,085	8,10,246	214	3,756	3,970
	Damoh ...	(*d*) 991	333,047	1,393	4,71,194	464	3,013	3,477
	Jubbulpore ...	(*c*) 1,986	745,892	2,537	10,41,240	510	3,462	3,972
	Mandla ...	(*a*) 1,520	(*a*) 405,234	(*a*) 2,010	2,76,604	187	1,620	1,807
	Seoni ...	(*b*) 1,522	(*b*) 396,326	(*b*) 1,645	2,93,945	(*c*) 226	2,616	2,836
	Total ...	7,655	2,421,909	9,670	28,93,235	1,601	14,467	16,068
Nerbudda ...	Narsinghpur ...	(*a*) 989	325,677	1,104	6,36,545	305	2,031	2,336
	Hoshangabad ...	(*b*) 1,559	457,395	1,393	7,87,286	425	2,636	3,061
	Nimar ...	1,444	391,071	(*c*) 1,127	5,97,058	457	2,435	2,892
	Betul ...	1,439	390,386	1,276	2,86,553	128	1,644	1,772
	Chhindwara ...	2,041	516,948	(*d*) 1,934	3,91,746	138	1,972	2,110
	Total ...	7,512	2,081,477	6,834	26,99,188	1,453	10,718	12,171
Nagpur ...	Wardha ...	1,690	459,796	1,369	8,13,854	563	4,044	4,607
	Nagpur ...	2,262	809,901	1,939	13,63,692	1,250	7,560	8,810
	Chanda ...	(*a*) 1,565	677,544	2,968	3,74,632	190	2,474	2,664
	Bhandara ...	1,596	773,677	1,824	5,86,192	236	3,503	3,739
	Balaghat ...	799	388,863	1,184	3,58,514	120	1,496	1,616
	Total ...	7,912	3,109,781	9,284	34,96,884	2,359	19,077	21,436
Chhattisgarh ...	Raipur ...	3,848	1,324,856	(*a*) 4,324	7,72,759	(*b*) 287	4,089	4,376
	Bilaspur ...	2,937	1,146,223	3,538	6,35,010	245	3,186	3,431
	Drug ...	2,629	775,688	2,624	6,52,053	239	3,067	3,306
	Total ...	9,414	3,246,767	10,486	20,39,816	771	10,342	11,113
	Grand Total ...	32,493	10,859,934	36,274	1,11,29,123	6,184	54,604	60,788

during the Revenue year ending the 30th September 1917.

Number of cases disposed of.	Number of cases pending at close of the year.	Number of cases pending more than				Number of English letters in Revenue Department.		Remarks.
		Three months.	Six months.	Nine months.	Twelve months.	Issues	Receipts.	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
								Jubbulpore Division.
3,647	323	19	22	9	26	1,085	1,772	(*a*) The decrease of 3 villages is due to the transfer of 2 villages to the Forest Department and to the amalgamation of one village in the Raiyatwari tract.
3,127	350	53	7	1	16	2,022	2,535	
3,670	302	6	2	...	...	3,458	2,854	(*b*) Includes 4 villages transferred from the Balaghat District.
1,617	190	...	1	...	...	1,179	1,798	(*c*) Last year's figures were wrong.
2,655	181	9	13	...	2	1,379	2,101	(*d*) The difference is due to the extension or fall of cultivation.
14,716	1,346	87	45	10	44	9,123	11,060	
								Nerbudda Division.
2,093	243	27	12	15	52	995	1,893	(*a*) The decrease is due to the reversion to the old system of excluding Birs from khudkasht.
2,610	451	57	26	32	49	1,675	2,133	
2,420	472	134	18	10	34	1,126	2,215	(*b*) The decrease is due to the area being left uncultivated during the year.
1,628	144	22	5	...	14	970	1,594	(*c*) Last year's figures were incorrect.
1,881	229	26	7	9	11	1,540	2,119	(*d*) The decrease is due to revision of settlement.
10,632	1,539	266	68	66	160	6,306	9,954	
3,965	642	287	35	12	14	1,414	1,454	
8,275	535	106	42	15	21	3,970	4,224	
2,356	308	56	17	3	6	1,709	2,861	*Nagpur Division.*
3,440	299	44	15	2	1	2,396	3,376	(*a*) Last year's figure was wrong.
1,519	97	6	2	1	11	2,683	3,047	
19,555	1,881	499	111	33	53	12,172	14,962	
								Chhattisgarh Division.
4,094	282	35	6	4	1	2,354	2,619	(*a*) Last year's figure was incorrect.
3,226	205	2	3	2	9	1,341	2,082	(*b*) Excludes 11 cases taken on Deputy Commissioner's file.
3,066	240	36	35	2	8	1,221	1,099	
10,386	727	73	44	8	18	4,916	5,800	
55,289	5,493	925	268	117	275	32,517	41,776	

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I.

FROM

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COMMISSIONER OF SETTLEMENTS AND DIRECTOR OF LAND RECORDS,

Central Provinces,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER,

LAND RECORDS DEPARTMENT,

Central Provinces.

Nagpur, the 22nd January 1918.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the operations of the Land Records and the Settlement Departments of the Central Provinces for the year ending 30th September 1917.

2. I was in charge of the Department for the whole year under report, and Mr. Chhotelal Verma, Extra-Assistant Commissioner, worked as my assistant from 11th November 1916 till the close of the year.

I.—LAND RECORDS ESTABLISHMENT.

Revision of establishment.

3. The patwari halkabandi was revised in the Saugor and Nagpur districts, and in the Warora, Chanda and Brahmapuri tahsils of Chanda. The revised patwari halkabandi of Balaghat has been sanctioned and will be introduced from the next financial year. The proposals received for the revision of the halkabandi in Narsinghpur are in the course of submission to the Local Administration. Patwari circles are uneven in both size and character in Jubbulpore, and the Deputy Commissioner has at my request taken up revision of the halkabandi of that district. An extra post of Revenue Inspector was also added in the Jubbulpore district with effect from 1st October 1916.

Measures taken to improve the prospects of the staff.

4. The amalgamation of the Land Records staff with the cadre of the Tahsildars and Naib-Tahsildars carried out three years ago has resulted in some improvement in the *personnel* of the superior Land Records staff, and there were working at the close of the year under review 8 Superintendents of Land Records and 5 Assistant Superintendents of Land Records recruited from the Subordinate Civil Service. The amalgamation has, however, not been altogether satisfactory; for changes and transfers in the superior staff have been more frequent than is desirable, and it, moreover, closed the doors of promotion against many Revenue Inspectors who, though not quite fit educationally to become Naib-Tahsildars, are competent enough to hold the post of Assistant Superintendent of Land Records: it has, therefore, been decided to separate the cadre of Assistant Superintendents of Land Records from that of Naib-Tahsildars, and to depute young and energetic Tahsildars to work as Superintendents of Land Records for a definite period, long enough for them to learn the failings of the field staff and effect improvement in the maintenance of records.

A general scheme for grading the Patwaris and for improvement of their pay throughout the Province has, since the close of the year, received the assent of the Secretary of State for India, and will come into force gradually as funds permit, the districts where the pay is the lowest receiving attention first.

Revenue Inspectors' circles are too large and unmanageable in some districts, for experience has shown that a man cannot properly supervise more than 120 villages. I have, therefore, with the previous approval of the Local Administration, invited definite proposals from the Divisional Commissioners for the re-adjustment of circles and reduction of unwieldy charges. It will be necessary to make an addition of about 30 men to the present staff.

II.—Land Records Work.

Changes in the system of Land Records.

5. There were no changes made in the system of Land Records work. The following amendments to the rules deserve mention:—

(*a*) Sub-Divisional Officers have been empowered to suspend Patwaris for three months in order that prompt action may be taken against really bad workers.

(*b*) The form of live-stock statement has been modified to suit the requirements of the Government of India.

(*c*) Rules regulating the check of grazing certificates by Revenue Inspectors and the Superintendents of Land Records and their Assistants have been framed to secure uniformity of procedure and systematic check.

(*d*) To economise the use of paper it has been ordered that jinswars and jamabandi abstracts will be filed in the Tahsil office on one singlesheet for all the villages of a Patwari circle instead of using a separate sheet for each village.

Condition of village maps including renewal of traces.

6. Apart from the districts under settlement, where maps receive special treatment, adequate attention appears to have been paid to the renewal of traces in all the districts, except Narsinghpur where, on account of the prevalence of plague, it was found inadvisable to summon Patwaris to District Head-quarters, and in the Baloda Bazar tahsil of Raipur, where the work of tracing on blue-lined paper could not be undertaken, because the Patwaris had their hands full with other work.

Village maps are reported to be generally in good condition. The recent tours made both by myself and my Assistant have, however, shown that sufficient attention has not been bestowed on this important work in several districts. To maintain the maps in a correct manner is one of the principal duties of the Patwari, but Tahsildars and Sub-Divisional Officers, who are responsible for the control of the Land Records staff in their charges, cannot devote time to the detailed check of maps in the field, and the tour diaries of Superintendents of Land Records and their Assistants, who are the technical inspecting agents of the Deputy Commissioner, show that this tedious work of checking survey is either neglected or else performed in a perfunctory and unsystematic manner. In order to tighten control over the field staff and ensure better supervision the staff mentioned in paragraph 32 below has been sanctioned.

Condition of village boundary marks, permanent marks for traverse stations and boundary marks of survey numbers in ryotwari villages.

7. The district reports state that the condition of village boundary marks is generally good and that the permanent marks of traverse stations are kept in good repairs everywhere. Judging, however, from the amount of work that the Traverse Party and Map Correction officers have found in replacing missing marks, it is very doubtful whether these marks are actually as well preserved as they are reported to be, and unless the provisions of Revenue Book Circular III-7 are interpreted in a more drastic manner in cases where persons responsible persist in neglecting the annual repairs, it will be impossible to keep maps up to date without employing special staff for

the purpose. Wherever I have gone into this question I have found the same reluctance on the part of Tahsildars and Sub-Divisional Officers to punish this neglect of duty by fine. Instead of accepting the Revenue Inspector's word that the marks are disappearing or gone, the Tahsildar opens a lengthy enquiry and at the end of it, six months or more later, reports that no action is necessary as the stones "have been replaced." It does not occur to him that such replacements are frequently inexact, and the real offence is that the mark has been allowed to disappear in the first instance. It is no exaggeration to say that I have not met a single Tahsildar who realizes the importance of the maintenance of these marks.

Check of village records in districts not under settlement. (*a*) By Revenue Inspectors.

8. Barring the districts under settlement, the amount of the testing of village papers by Revenue Inspectors is generally adequate. Full information is not available from all the districts, but it is hoped that the insufficient check in individual cases in Chanda and Drug districts will receive due notice at the hands of the Deputy Commissioners concerned.

One Revenue Inspector in Raipur failed to check all the villages in his charge, and action has been taken against him. He left as many as 72 villages unchecked.

The percentage of errors detected by Revenue Inspectors is rather large in Wardha, Nagpur and Chanda. Better pay and reduction in the size of the Patwari circles in the last two districts will, it is exepected, attract a better class of men in future and improve the quality of their work. The quality of the work of Revenue Inspectors depends very largely upon the training given by the superior staff. The average Revenue Inspector, I am afraid, considers himself efficient if his returns are all up to date and his check is sufficient in quantity. But he frequently adopts the line of least resistance and does not go out of his way to look into survey where it may reasonably be expected that errors will be found.

(*b*) By Superintendents of Land Records and Assistant Superintendents of Land Records.

9. Except in Jubbulpore and Nagpur, the Superintendents of Land Records and their Assistants have checked work fairly fully. There has been a marked improvement in the proportion of entries checked by them which had been proviously tested by Revenue Inspectors. The following are, however, notable exceptions:—

Superintendent of Land Records, Wardha.

Assistant Superintendent of Land Records, Damoh.

" " " " Jubbulpore.

" " " " Chanda.

No hard and fast rule can be laid down, but ordinarily the percentage of entries tested, which have been previously checked by Revenue Inspectors, should not fall short of 50. As already remarked, the quality of the work is seldom quite satisfactory; a close scrutiny of the tours of Superintendents of Land Records and Assistant Superintendents of Land Records at the end of the season too frequently shows that they follow well beaten and comfortable tracks in preference to visiting more distant parts where work is sure to be inaccurate. Their control cannot be really efficient unless they frame their own tours more systematically than they now do, and aim more at teaching their Inspectors to work on similar lines than at detecting large numbers of the more trivial mistakes.

(*c*) By Tahsildars and Naib-Tahsildars.

10. If it be borne in mind that the tahsil staff was partly occupied with war work, the amount of checking done by them is generally adequate, except in the case of the Tahsildar and the Naib-Tahsildar, Warora, and the Naib-Tahsildar, Mandla, who did practically no checking.

(*d*) By Deputy Commissioners and their Assistants.

11. The amount of checking done by Deputy Commissioners and their Assistants calls for no comment, except in the following districts where it is small in quantity :—

(1) Jubbulpore.
(2) Narsinghpur (only the Sub-Divisional Officers).
(3) Nimar.
(4) Nagpur.
(5) Drug (Sub-Divisional Officer, Bemetara).
(6) Bilaspur (Sub-Divisional Officers, Mungeli and Janjgir).

It is idle to expect a full and elaborate check of a large number of villages from the District Revenue staff, but better control could certainly be exercised if they, as was pointed out last year, carefully followed the course of the Superintendent of Land Records and his Assistant on the map through a few villages, paying greater attention to the more inaccessible khasra numbers.

The thorough check of one village is infinitely more useful for detecting really bad work than a less careful check of large areas. It should be accepted as a rule that the Deputy Commissioner or the Assistant Commissioner is out primarily to inspect his Superintendent of Land Records, not to ferret out bad Patwaris; the latter is the work of the Superintendent of Land Records. If a Deputy Commissioner or Sub-Divisional Officer would select only one village that appears from his Superintendent's diary to be worth a visit, in order to reveal the full value of his work, and checked fully the methods of inspection followed, and the orders given by him to the Revenue Inspector and Patwari, and noted how those orders had been carried out, he would obtain a very reasonable estimate of the quality of the Superintendent's control.

(*e*) Check of jamabandis by Kanungos.

12. Where regular Land Record work was in progress, the number of entries checked by Kanungos was up to the prescribed standard save in the following tahsils :—

	Per cent.
Dindori ...	... 6
Niwas ...	... 9
Drug ...	... 8
Bilaspur ...	... 5
Mungeli ...	... 9
Janjgir ...	... 8
Katghora ...	... 8

The results in Dindori and Bilaspur are far from satisfactory and reflect some discredit on the Tahsildars concerned. The percentages of mistakes discovered vary from district to district, and although it was suggested in last year's report, no district reports state whether the Superintendents of Land Records visited the Kanungos' offices in the rains, when the checking of jamabandis was actually in progress.

The extreme accuracy of jamabandis in Nimar, as reflected in the very small number of mistakes detected, is open to some suspicion.

Degree of punctuality observed in filing village papers.

13. Milan khasras and jinswars were, generally speaking, filed in time or within one month of the prescribed date. This is a good record of punctuality. There was, however, some unusual delay in the filing of jamabandis in certain districts, and suitable action was taken wherever necessary.

Condition of Kanungos' offices.

14. Kanungos' offices have been adequately inspected, and, except in the following tahsils, the work was found to be in good order :—

(1) Umrer tahsil (Nagpur).
(2) Nagpur „ („)
(3) Dhamtari „ (Raipur).
(4) Bilaspur „ (Bilaspur).

The Kanungo of Umrer tahsil retired and the Kanungo of Nagpur was transferred to another office, and both the offices are said to be now improving. The Dhamtari Kanungo is new to the work, and the official in Bilaspur, though not a bad worker, has allowed his work to get into arrears. The Deputy Commissioner, Bilaspur, has drawn the attention of the Tahsildar to the matter.

Issue of sanads for agricultural improvements.

15. During the year under report 89 sanads were issued in 14 districts. In the following four districts no sanads were granted :—

Saugor.	Chhindwara.
Hoshangabad.	Bhandara.

In these districts settlement operations have either just terminated or are in progress, and the agriculturists know full well that the improvements they effect invariably receive consideration at the time of rent fixation, and perhaps think it unnecessary to take the additional trouble of securing sanads which serve the same object.

Miscellaneous work.

16. Patwaris did miscellaneous work in connection with instructing the village school-boys in Patwari papers, issue of commutation lists of Nistar and Paidawar, sale of quinine in hilly tracts, use of snake-bite lancets, issue of passes for country liquor, assisting the members of the Agriculture Department and the Co-operative Credit Societies, management of irrigation tanks transferred to Revenue Department, promotion of rice transplantation in Chhattisgarh, grant of grazing certificates, and finally war work. All these duties have been satisfactorily discharged, and the district reports indicate a marked improvement in the accuracy of the work connected with the issue of passes for grazing in Government Forests and their check by the superior Land Record staff. The reason given by the Superintendent of Land Records, Damoh, for his failure to exercise any check of these passes is inadequate.

The vend of stamps is everywhere now in the hands of the village school-masters.

III.—Conduct of Land Record Staff.

Residence of Patwaris within their circles.

17. The number of non-resident Patwaris exempted from the obligation to live in their circles declined from 186 to 179, but the number residing outside their circles without permission rose from 368 to 404. The percentage of non-resident Patwaris is high in Saugor, Seoni and Chhindwara on account of the recent re-allocation of circles, and considerable latitude will be necessary for some time to come in enforcing residence so as to avoid hardship. Elsewhere the number is falling and non-resident Patwaris are mostly probationers.

Training of Patwaris.

18. Wherever necessary Survey classes were opened at the head-quarters of Revenue Inspectors for the training of Patwaris and Patwari candidates and examinations were held both in Survey and Patwari rules. The results reported are good.

Conduct and discipline of Patwaris.

19. The conduct and discipline of Patwaris has on the whole been fairly satisfactory. The following figures show the disciplinary measures taken against them in the year under report as compared with those of the previous year :—

	1915-16.	1916-17.
Dismissals	95	100
Reductions	41	48
Suspensions	232	247
Transfers	112	72
	480	467

Raipur is responsible for the largest number of dismissals and the Deputy Commissioner explains that the punishments of dismissal and suspension were

inflicted for non-residence, misconduct, persistent neglect of work and dishonesty. The Deputy Commissioner, Damoh, ordered temporary reductions in 20 cases of negligence of duty or non-compliance with the orders to take up permanent residence within the circle. The increase in suspensions has followed the abolition of fines. Suspension is not the best form of punishment for minor offences, such as temporary absence under false pretences and over-staying leave without permission, which are common in districts under settlement; frequently the man suspended is only too glad to be given an enforced holiday. The gradual extension of the system of graded pay, which has been sanctioned, will enable the controlling officers to meet the difficulty of enforcing discipline. Transfers were usually resorted to in cases of unauthorised cultivation and similar offences.

Revenue Inspectors, their qualifications, conduct and discipline.

29. The punishment roll of Revenue Inspectors shows an improvement, only 16 men having been punished, principally by fine, in Jubbulpore, Bilaspur and Mandla, against 31 in the preceding year. There has been a distinct improvement in the *personnel* of the staff in several districts as the result of appointing trained Additional Revenue Inspectors from the Settlement staff to fill vacancies, in preference to promoted clerks and others who, as a rule, have little aptitude for work of a somewhat technical character.

Superintendents of Land Records and Assistant Superintendents of Land Records, their qualifications, conduct and discipline.

21. Mr. Ulfat Rai, Superintendent of Land Records, Jubbulpore, retired in May 1917, as he was physically unfit for field work. Mr. H. P. Nigam worked as Superintendent of Land Records, Seoni, till March 1917. His supervision of the office was slack, and his successor, Mr. Vithal Rao, has been chiefly occupied in getting it into order. Mr. Pushatkar, Superintendent of Land Records, Nimar, is said to have worked with zeal, but his touring was marked by want of method. Mr. Vithoba Babaji, Superintendent of Land Records, Chanda, got through a fair amount of inspection work, but his discipline is not strict enough. Mr. Abdur Rahman, Superintendent of Land Records, Drug, is being tried as a temporay Extra-Assistant Commissioner at Bilaspur.

The following officers have been commended for their good work in the district reports :—

Mr. Chikte, Superintendent of Land Records, Nagpur.

Mr. Daji Kashinath, Superintendent of Land Records, Raipur.

Mr. D. V. Kane, Superintendent of Land Records, Chhindwara.

Mr. Shamrao, Superintendent of Land Records, Damoh.

Mr. Deviprasad, Assistant Superintendent of Land Records, Chhindwara.

Mr. Mahabir Prasad, Assistant Superintendent of Land Records, Betul.

Mr. Diwakar Balaji, Assistant Superintendent of Land Records, Wardha.

Mr. S. D. Bhagwat, Assistant Superintendent of Land Records, Balaghat.

Mr. Purshottam Lal, Assistant Superintendent of Land Records, Raipur.

Mr. Rameshwar Prasad, Assistant Superintendent of Land Records, Raipur.

Mr. Chikte has been decorated with the title of Rao Sahib for long and good service.

IV.—Utilization of Land Records.

Circle Note Books.

22. These have been maintained and kept up to date everywhere, except in the following tahsils :—

Jubbulpore.	Dhamtari.
Murwara.	Bilaspur.

Care should be taken to see that the statistics for the year under report are filled in immediately. Circle Note Books for the ryotwari villages in Mandla, Nimar and Chanda have now been started.

23. The Village Note Books are reported to have been entered up to date, except in a few cases, due to the absence of Mukaddams. The form of the Note Book has recently been simplified and some unnecessary details excluded.

Village Note Books.

PART II.—OPERATIONS OF THE SETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT.

24. *General.*—The operations conducted during the year ending 30th September 1917 were in—

(1) The revision of the assessment in Hoshangabad, Chhindwara, Bhandara, Seoni, Balaghat and Betul districts.

(2) Correction of maps and records in Bhandara, Seoni and Betul districts.

I.—The Revenue Settlement of Malguzari villages.

25. *Hoshangabad*—Mr. H. C. Gowan, I.C.S., was in charge of the operations up to 19th June 1917, when he proceeded on leave after completing his assessment proposals. The field work of the year included the announcement of the revised assessment in 514 villages of the Hoshangabad and Seoni tahsils covering 1,085 square miles, and the takoli in Chhater and Bariampagara Jagirs. The revised rents have been generally accepted as fair and few appeals have been filed. Combined rent-rate and assessment reports were submitted for all the groups of the Seoni and Harda tahsils consisting of 634 villages, and orders of the Local Administration were obtained on them during the year. The records of 480 villages were completed after announcement, 89 sheets amended, and revised muafi registers prepared for three tahsils. In addition to this a fair amount of tracing work was carried out, the full records of 73 villages were copied and passed, second copies made of 537 villages for Patwaris, and records of 97 villages of the Harda tahsil prepared for the second time in consequence of the amalgamation of villages in that tahsil having been revised under the orders of the Local Administration. Mr. Chhaganlal, Assistant Settlement Officer, who has been in charge since Mr. Gowan's departure on leave, has exercised a close supervision over his subordinates and obtained from them the maximum outturn of work. Announcement of rents and revenue in Harda tahsil alone is now remaining in the district; the staff has been accordingly reduced considerably, and the office will be finally closed within a few months after Mr. Gowan's return.

Mr. H. C. Gowan, I.C.S., Settlement Officer.
Assistant Settlement Officers—Messrs. Chhaganlal and Madho Rao.

26. *Chhindwara.*—The field work in this district included the attestation of 16 villages in the Jagirs which remained unattested at the close of last year, the inspection of all other Jagir villages and the announcement of rents and revenue of the whole of the Amarwara and Sausar tahsils consisting of 761 Khalsa and 405 Jagir villages covering a total area of 2,547 square miles. Office work dealt with the preparation of records and traces and completion of misls of 1,409 villages and the submission of combined rent-rate and assessment reports for 378 villages of the Sausar tahsil. The office work to be completed during the year was comparatively heavy, and almost the whole staff of Patwaris had to be retained in office till the end of August, but the superior establishment was gradually reduced as work diminished and there now remain only two clerks with Mr. Chunnilal to wind up operations.

Mr. C. J. Irwin, I.C.S., Settlement Officer.
Assistant Settlement Officers—Messrs. Chunnilal, D. V. Kane and R. C. Sinha.

After submitting his final report, Mr. Irwin proceeded on leave, making over charge to Mr. Chunnilal, Assistant Settlement Officer, on the 6th August 1917. Mr. Irwin completed the inspection, report work and announcement in the Khalsa, and the announcement of takolis in the Jagirs, before leaving the district.

27. *Balaghat.*—The programme of the year comprised the assessment and announcement of rents and revenue of 474 villages which remained to be dealt with and the revision and re-announcement of home-farm valuation, siwai income and revenue of 413 villages announced in the previous year: this programme was completed. Mr. De has saved

Mr. B. N. De, I.C.S., Settlement Officer.
Assistant Settlement Officers—Messrs W. B. Ghate, Sheocharanlal and Ramrao Sheoram.

a deal of time and trouble which would otherwise have been spent in dealing with appeals by personally explaining to individual tenants cases of sharp enhancement and adjusting the demand, when cases of hardship were encountered in the field.

The revised takolis for four Zamindaris were sanctioned during the year and the remainder shortly after the close of the year. They have all been announced and accepted by the Zamindars. It would, however, appear that the Zamindars are dissatisfied with the omission from the wajib-ul-arz of the last settlement entry relating to the levy of begar and other similar customary dues, and one of them refused to sign the wajib-ul arz.

The records of 236 villages were faired and passed, 540 copies prepared for Patwaris and 474 misls completed after announcement. The tahsil reports and final report were submitted by Mr. De a month after the close of the year and the settlement operations were finally wound up and the office closed on the 6th November 1917. Mr. W. B. Ghate, Assistant Settlement Officer, is reported to have rendered excellent service, but Mr. De's own work was exceptionally heavy.

28. *Seoni.*—Mr. K. L. B. Hamilton, I.C.S., was in charge throughout the year. The field work comprised the preparation of records by Inspectors in 435 villages spread over an area of 725 square miles, while 472 villages were attested by Assistant Settlement Officers and 470 inspected by the Settlement Officer. Revised rents and revenue were also announced in 175 villages of the Bandol and Haveli groups, where the new demand was fairly well received.

Mr. K. L. B. Hamilton, I.C.S., Settlement Officer.
Assistant Settlement Officers.—Messrs. A. Sinclair Jones, Panchamlal, Gourishanker, S. Abdul Jabbar, Ramanand and C. Anthony.

Combined rent-rate and assessment reports were submitted for 492 villages and Survey sheets for 470 villages were brought up to date. Work in this district was hampered seriously by sickness among the field staff during the cold weather.

The Map Correction Party under Mr. Anthony dealt with 470 villages covering 682 square miles. Owing partly to the bad condition of the traverse stations and survey marks, and partly to difficult country, progress was somewhat slow. The work has, however, been completed and Mr. Anthony transferred to Chanda. On the whole the outturn of work in this district has been satisfactory.

29. *Bhandara.*—The field operations were delayed by late rains, and, as the rice was on the ground till about the middle of December 1916, little work could be done early in the season. From January 1917 the progress was more rapid, and by the close of the year 522 villages covering 805 square miles were completed by Inspectors, 548 attested by the Assistant Settlement Officers and 550 inspected by the Settlement Officer himself. The work of soil classing has greatly improved, and the Settlement Officer now finds few changes necessary in the classification as passed by the Assistant Settlement Officers. The progress in office was not quite so good: rent-rate and assessment reports were submitted for 291 villages in addition to the resubmission of reports for 78 villages of the Chakaheti and Ambagarh groups, which had been inspected in the previous year.

Mr. E. Gordon, I.C.S., Settlement Officer.
Assistant Settlement Officers—Messrs. A. V. Deshpande, Azmat Ali, Balwant Rao, T. G. Matangay and Abdul Aziz Khan.

The Map Correction Party under Mr. Durga Prasad, Assistant Settlement Officer, dealt with 625 villages covering 1,285 square miles in the Sakoli tahsil. Much of this tahsil is hilly and jungly, but, in spite of this and the fact that the maps were in very bad condition, Mr. Durga Prasad completed the work by the first week in July 1917.

Mr. Gordon has got through a heavy programme, and his staff worked hard and well, particularly in the field. The outturn of field records was so large that the statistical office later found it difficult to get through the work during the rains.

30. *Betul.*—A full staff was posted to this district in September 1916, but, owing to a protracted monsoon and the necessity of training the field staff in soil classing and attestation, Mr Trench could not start field operations before the middle of November 1916. The attestation of the northern groups of the Betul tahsil, which are jungly and possess light soil only, was first taken in hand with a view to complete records there before the departure of the aboriginal tenants for the wheat harvesting and the scarcity of water could impede operations. The work was, however, extremely difficult, as practically the entire field staff got ill with malaria of a peculiarly troublesome type, but by the end of May 1917 all 495 villages in that tahsil, covering 929 square miles, were attested.

Mr. G. C. Trench, I.C.S., Settlement Officer.
Assistant Settlement Officers —Messrs. A. D. P. Lancaster, Shankernath, V. R. Khisty and M. A. Khalique.

The record compilation of 424 villages was completed, combined rent-rate and assessment reports submitted for 284 villages, and Survey sheets of 336 villages amended.

The maps in the Betul tahsil, which were corrected in the previous year, were found to be quite accurate. During the year under report the Map Correction Party under Mr. Lancaster carried out amendment work over an area of 899 square miles in the Multai tahsil, which is under attestation during the current season.

31. In all districts where rents and revenue are being announced the Settlement Officer now personally supervises the work, and is empowered to modify rents within certain limits, when necessary, on the representation of either the tenant or malguzar. This slight change in procedure has been most popular and successful; personal explanation by the Settlement Officer of the method in which land has been valued has generally removed objection, and the number of appeals filed in my Court against revised rents has been wonderfully small, being 59 for the whole year: but the majority of these cases refer to rent announced in the preceding year, when the Settlement Officer was comparatively seldom with the announcing party.

II.—Correction of Maps and Records preparatory to Resettlement.

32. The amount of map correction done in Bhandara, Seoni and Betul districts has been already detailed in the foregoing paragraphs dealing with those districts.

It has now been decided that the system of regular map correction prior to and as a part of settlement proceedings should cease. It had become a necessity because the supervision exercised over the Patwari staff in connection with the upkeep of maps during the currency of settlement has been inadequate. Four posts of Deputy Director of Land Records, *viz.*, one for each Division, have therefore been created, and it will be the duty of these officers to systematize the inspection work of the District Land Record staff in this connection and ensure that records which are left after settlement of a district in an accurate condition be maintained in that state of accuracy until the district again comes up for revision.

III.—Surveys carried out.

33. The Traverse Party worked during the year in the districts of Betul, Hoshangabad, Chanda and Seoni over 33,763 acres in 670 villages; its work is primarily the running of subtraverse lines in villages where the occupied area has expanded largely and the traverse of excised areas. But the check of existing stations found on the ground and replacement of missing stations is frequently of equal importance. Owing to the incomplete and complicated state of the nazul records and maps and inadequate demarcation of nazul lands which are not infrequently intermixed with malguzari areas, the Local Administration has ordered that an early survey and settlement of nazul areas is desirable. An allotment sufficient to meet expenditure during the current and ensuing years has accordingly been provided for the preparation of fresh nazul records in the four towns of Hinganghat, Raipur, Bhandara and Chhindwara to start with. The traversing of these towns has been already completed and a detailed survey will be carried out as soon as possible. Meanwhile an Assistant Settlement

Officer has been appointed to make the necessary revenue enquiries in Hinganghat and conduct the nazul operations there under the orders of the Deputy Commissioner, Wardha.

Mr. C. H. G. Johnson was in charge of the Traverse Party during the year and was assisted by Mr. G. E. Muller, late Mining Surveyor, whose services have been placed at the disposal of this Department.

IV.—Supply of Instruments and Stationery.

34. During the year the Instruments and Stationery Depôt attached to my office issued instruments and drawing materials to the value of Rs. 18,226, as detailed below :—

	Rs.
To Settlement Department	2,675
To Deputy Commissioners for use of Patwaris and Land Record work	11,496
To Feudatory States	1,981
Otherwise issued, including Berar ...	2,074
	18,226

The value of forms supplied through the Anjuman Islamia Press, Jubbulpore, amounted to Rs. 20,302 as shown below :—

	Rs.
To Settlement Department	3,516
To Deputy Commissioners for maintenance of village records	16,786
	20,302

The Depôt also arranged, as usual, for the supply to Deputy Commissioners, through the same Press, of 34,169 tenants' receipt books valued at Rs. 8,673.

V.—Work of the Office of the Settlement Commissioner.

35. A statement showing the number of reports submitted during the year is appended :—

Name of district.	Name of tahsil.	Combined rent-rate and assessment report.		Tahsil assessment.
		No. of reports.	No. of villages.	
	Malguzari.			
Saugor ...	Saugor ...	...	...	1
Hoshangabad ...	Hoshangabad ...	1	36	
	Seoni ...	3	185	
	Harda ...	7	432	
	Sohagpur ...	...	..	1
Chhindwara ...	Sausar ..	6	407	
Bhandara ...	Bhandara ...	4	265	
Seoni ...	Seoni ...	4	328	
Betul ...	Betul ...	3	264	
Balaghat ...	Balaghat ...	4	256	
	Baihar ...	3	208	
	Ryotwari.			
Hoshangabad ...	Harda ...	...	24	
Chhindwara ...	Sausar ...	...	18	
Seoni ...	Seoni ...	...	25	
Betul ...	Betul ...	...	33	

I visited 10 districts during the year, including tours in Seoni, Bhandara and Betul, to inspect field work. The Assistant Settlement Commissioner visited 9 districts for the inspection of Land Record work both in office and in the field. His most extensive tour was in the Saugor and Narsinghpur districts.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

P. HEMINGWAY,
Commissioner of Settlements and Director of Land Records,
Central Provinces.

STATEMENT I.—Showing the progress made in original Cadastral Survey and preparation of Land Record during the year ending the 30th September 1917.

District.	Field work.				Office work.				Remarks.
	Total area to be dealt with.	Disposed of previously.	Disposed of during the year.	Balance.	Total area to be dealt with.	Disposed of previously.	Disposed of during the year.	Balance.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	
Seoni	38,119	15,143	22,976	...	38,119	15,143	22,976	...	

STATEMENT II.—Showing the progress made in Map Correction during the year ending the 30th September 1917.

District.	Field work.				Office work.				Remarks.
	Total area to be dealt with.	Disposed of previously.	Disposed of during the year.	Balance.	Total area to be dealt with.	Disposed of previously.	Disposed of during the year.	Balance.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	
Bhandara	2,187,478	1,365,144	822,334	...	2,187,478	1,019,623	695,348	472,507	
Seoni	1,583,641	1,170,206	413,435	...	1,583,641	1,170,206	413,435	...	
Betul	1,736,960	594,560	575,360	567,040	1,736,960	594,560	575,360	567,040	

STATEMENT III.—Showing the progress made in the Regular Revision of Land Revenue Assessment (Field work) during the year enaing the 30th September 1917.

District.		Attestation.						Announcement.			Remarks.
		Total to be attested.	Attested in previous years.	During the year under report.			Balance to be attested by Inspectors.	Total to be announced.	Announced during the previous year.	Announced during the year under report.	
				Attested by Inspectors.	Passed by Assistant Superior Officer.	Inspected by Superior Officer.					
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Hoshangabad ...	Area in square miles ...	2,701	2,701	...	...	...	...	2,701	770	1,085	
	Number of villages ...	1,368	1,368	...	...	...	...	1,368	409	514	
Chhindwara (Khalsa) ...	Area in square miles ...	2,309	2,309	...	...	...	...	2,309	924	1,385	
	Number of villages ...	1,409	1,409	...	...	...	...	1,409	648	761	
Chhindwara (Jagir) ...	Area in square miles ...	1,597	1,573	24	74	170	...	1,220	...	1,162	
	Number of villages ...	545	529	16	42	60	..	427*	...	405	* Excluding 118 unsurveyed villages in which nothing is to be done.
Balaghat ...	Area in square miles ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,846	726	1,120	
	Number of villages ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	887	413	474	
Bhandara ...	Area in square miles ..	3,116	302	805	847	849	2,311	...	...	...	
	Number of villages ...	1,640	183	522	548	550	1,118	...	...	...	
Seoni ...	Area in square miles	2,534	522	725	787	776	1,287	2,534	...	318	
	Number of villages ...	1,639	303	435	472	476	901	1,639	...	175	
Betul ...	Area in square miles ..	2,714	...	929	929	846	1,785	...	...	...	
	Number of villages ...	1,277	...	495	495	441	782	...	...	...	

STATEMENT IV.—Showing the Progress made in the Regular Revision of Land Revenue Assessment (Office work) during the year ending the 30th September 1917.

District.			Total to be assessed.	Records completed.	Records faired and passed.	Records copied for Patwaris.	First trace made.	Second trace made.	Ryotwari abstracts prepared.	Rent-rates submitted.	Assessment Report submitted.	Balance.		Misls completed after announcement.	Sheets amended.	Remarks.
												For rent-rates.	For final assessment.			
1			2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Hoshangabad	...	Area in square miles	...	2,701	16	44	1,005	544	81	25	117	1,292	...	...	1,008	86	
		Number of villages	...	1,358	60	73	537	326	84	64	583	647	...	...	480	89	
Chhindwara (Khalsa).		Area in square miles	...	2,309	2,309	2,309	2,309	2,309	2,309	2,309	2,309	2,309	...	...	2,309	2,309	
		Number of villages	...	1,409	1,409	1,409	1,409	1,409	1,409	1,409	1,409	1,409	...	...	1,409	1,409	
Chhindwara (Jagir).		Area in square miles	...	1,897	1,597	608	1,080	1,220	1,220	...	1,597	1,597	...	...	...	1,220	
		Number of villages	...	545	545	204	363	427	427	...	545	545	...	...	...	427	
Balaghat	...	Area in square miles	...	1,846	...	620	1,235	...	...	1	922	922	...	...	1,120	...	
		Number of villages	...	887	...	236	540	...	...	3	351	351	...	...	474	...	
Bhandara	...	Area in square miles	...	3,278	847	...	...	628	...	...	564	564	2,714	2,714	...	...	
		Number of villages	...	1,745	548	...	...	472	...	...	369	369	1,376	1,376	...	...	
Seoni	...	Area in square miles	...	2,534	776	776	...	776	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	
		Number of villages	...	1,639	470	470	..	470	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	
Betul	...	Area in square miles	...	2,714	20	144	66	371	371	817	501	501	2,213	2,213	...	646	
		Number of villages	...	1,277	424	98	42	216	216	422	284	284	993	993	...	336	

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Report by the Financial Commissioner on the Land Revenue Administration of the Central Provinces during the year 1917-18.

Report on the Operations of the Land Records and Settlement Departments in the Central Provinces during the year 1917-18.

RESOLUTION.

The excessive rain of the late monsoon of 1917 and the almost complete absence of cold weather rains caused serious damage to all important crops, except rice; and had it not been for the high price of cotton, a great deal more land revenue would have had to be suspended than in the end proved necessary. As it was, the great bulk of the revenue suspension was due to the poor rabi harvest in the Hoshangabad district. Considering the circumstances of the year the figures of the collection of land revenue are decidedly satisfactory, and the district reports give evidence that, though the number of coercive processes increased almost everywhere, carelessness and not inability to pay was the chief cause of delay. The excellent outturn of rice in Chhattisgarh and the Wainganga tract proved of the greatest importance to the Central Provinces as a whole and also to other parts of India in the lean times through which we are at present passing. Until recently it has been possible to export large quantities under the direction of the Director of Civil Supplies to those parts of the country which in the best of years import a certain amount of their food-stuffs and in which, after three successive inferior juari harvests, stocks of food-stuffs were very short.

2. The Financial Commissioner has analysed the loan account and has come to the conclusion that, though the margin between the interest payable to the Government of India and that charged to borrowers is only three-quarters per cent, it is not yet necessary to raise the latter figure. When the sums given out are large compared with those due for realization, a net loss is to be expected, even if the difference between the two rates of interest were much greater. During the current year, however, sums much in excess of the ordinary are being distributed, and at the end of the year it will be necessary to review the position carefully, especially in view of the probability of the Province having in future to finance agricultural loans out of its own resources.

3. Revenue business increased considerably, but despite numerous extra duties imposed on the district staff, the work was handled with commendable promptitude. It is particularly satisfactory to note that good progress was made with partition cases, which are usually intricate and troublesome, and it is hoped that the full instructions which the Financial Commissioner issued during the year will lead to still better results in future. Applications from lambardars for help in the recovery of arrears of land revenue for which they are responsible show a serious increase, and the Chief Commissioner trusts that all Deputy

Commissioners will follow the example of the Deputy Commissioner, Nagpur, who has taken care that such applications were granted only when the applicant proved that he had used reasonable diligence in attempting to make the collection himself. The remarks of the Commissioner, Jubbulpore Division, that competition for the honour of the post of sadar-lambardar under Section 187 of the Land Revenue Act has led to greater promptness in the payment of land revenue are interesting. The object in legislating for the appointment of sadar-lambardars and of lambardars for separate pattis in a village, was to avoid disputes and friction among co-sharers and to make it quite clear on whom lay the responsibility of collecting the land revenue in villages where there are more than one patti. The task of appointing lambardars in accordance with the provisions of the new Act will be a fairly heavy one in some districts, and with the hands of many district officers fully occupied with scarcity and famine work, some delay in its completion must be expected. But in the end it is hoped that the trouble will be repaid by a very considerable reduction in the difficulties which at present arise, and which in some districts are of serious dimensions, owing to disputes among co-sharers.

4. Steady progress has been made in improving the land records staff. It is hoped that the scheme of graded pay for patwaris, which has already been introduced in many districts, will soon be in force throughout the Provinces, and the increase in the number of Revenue Inspectors' circles with a corresponding reduction in their size should lead to gradual improvement in land record work. The appointment to the post of Revenue Inspector of men who have had a thorough training under a Settlement Officer—and many such are now available—should also help to raise the standard of work. Three Deputy Directors of Land Records have up to date been appointed out of the sanctioned staff of four ; and when the scheme is in full working order, it is to be hoped that it will attain its object of eliminating map correction before settlement.

5. There is one branch of land record work to which the Chief Commissioner would like to refer. The circumstances of the past few years have emphasised the importance of care being taken in the preparation of crop forecasts. Such forecasts are always important for trade purposes, but when, as at the present time, there is a general food shortage over large areas of the country, their direct administrative importance can hardly be exaggerated. The Chief Commissioner is not satisfied that these forecasts are always prepared with the intelligence which their importance demands. The cotton forecast of 1917-18 was widely out, though it is to be admitted that for a few years previous it had not been far off the mark. At the beginning of the scarcity of the present year, estimates which were ridiculously low were sent up regarding the outturn of the crops in several districts—particularly so in the case of cotton— and the Chief Commissioner has recently seen one or two forecasts which his own observations during his tours convince him were not as accurate as they might have been. He has also observed in the weekly weather reports in the *Gazette* estimates of crops which were obviously wrong. It is to be feared that in the past the preparation of these forecasts has often been regarded as a mechanical and routine part of the duties of the district staff, and that the estimate of the Superintendent of Land Records has been too readily accepted without scrutiny. It is clear further that, if the land records staff has not been properly trained in appraising the outturn of crops carefully, the Deputy Commissioner is hampered when he has to consider what suspensions, if any, have to be given on account of crop failure. Simple instructions to the Superintendent of Land Records based on the Deputy Commissioner's knowledge of the circumstances of the year and a careful scrutiny of the figures put forward by that officer and his staff should lead to much improvement in this very important matter.

6. Settlement operations were finished in the Hoshangabad and the Chhindwara districts, where little remained to be done at the close of the previous year. Satisfactory progress was made by Messrs. Hamilton and Gordon in Seoni and Bhandara, though in the latter district the Settlement Officer had an extremely difficult tract to deal with. The Chief Commissioner observes with pleasure that the simplified system adopted in the more backward tracts of

Betul has been applied with much success by Mr. Trench. This system, with suitable local modifications, can be used with advantage in large tracts of the Provinces, and it is hoped that it will materially curtail the work and increase the outturn of the coming zamindari settlements.

7. The post of Financial Commissioner was held for half the year by the Hon'ble Mr. Crump and for the other half by Sir James Walker, and the Chief Commissioner thanks them for another successful year's administration. He endorses Mr. Crump's appreciation of the work done by Messrs. Clarke, Wilson and Turner in Nagpur, Jubbulpore and Raipur, and has noted the names of the other officers mentioned in the last paragraph of the report. The year was a period which entailed on Deputy Commissioners much extra labour which had to be carried out with a sadly depleted staff, and Sir Benjamin Robertson desires to place on record his appreciation of the manner in which officers of all ranks have loyally and without complaint borne the strain of their increased duties.

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1. The monsoon of 1917 developed early and in its initial stages gave general and well distributed rain throughout the Provinces; but the breaks in the rains, upon which the cultivator depends for the weeding of his crops, were conspicuous by their absence, and it was not until the beginning or middle of October that fine weather intervened. The result was that with the exception of rice, the kharif crops, which at one time promised to give a bumper outturn, fared badly. When the rain did cease, it stopped with an abruptness that caused the ground to harden rapidly and seriously impeded its preparation for rabi crops. Except for a few showers in the Chhattisgarh and Nagpur divisions, which were not sufficiently heavy to be of much use, the usual cold weather rains were absent, and the rabi suffered as much from the absence of moisture as the kharif did from excess. The total average rainfall was 55·13 inches as compared with an average of 48·30 for the last 50 years.

Character of the season.

2. The important juari crop, as is usual in a season of heavy rainfall, suffered severely in the months of August and September, and the outturn, which varied from one-third of a normal crop in Saugor to a normal crop in Mandla, gave all over about half an average crop. Cotton, which is important in the Nagpur, Wardha and Nimar districts, fared on the whole somewhat worse, but cultivators found some compensation in the exceptionally high prices. The heavy rainfall, however, was favourable to rice, and nearly a bumper crop was reaped in all the important rice-growing districts, a fact which was to prove of extreme importance to the Provinces and to other parts of India during the food shortage that was to come. Difficulties at the time of sowing, as well as the absence of winter rains, adversely affected the cold weather crops, the most important of which is wheat. In no important area did this crop reach the normal, and in the Hoshangabad district, where it is sown to a considerable extent, the outturn was barely one-third of the average.

Crops.

3. Owing to the unfavourable circumstances of the year the normal rate of increase in the occupied area in privately owned villages was not maintained. It rose by only 21,890 acres to 22,308,268 acres against an average increase of about 100,000 acres for the last ten years. The area held by tenants expanded by 32,982 acres against an average increase of about 97,000 acres, and the average rental showed a rise from Re. 0-14-5 to Re. 0-14-8 per acre. Nearly 60 per cent of the rise in area was in the Chhindwara district, and there was an increase of 5,660 acres in the Raipur district, mainly in the Zamindaris, while the transfer of a large area from the Bhandara to the Balaghat district is responsible for the variations in those districts, which together show a rise of about 10,000 acres. Elsewhere the tendency has been for the area to contract slightly. The conferral of *sir* rights at settlement in the Betul, Seoni and Bhandara districts resulted in a net increase of over 12,000 acres in land held in that right, but the percentage of the home-farm to the total occupied area fell slightly. The acreage of *sir* leased decreased from 527,116 to 520,705, but the declared lease money, which is probably considerably lower than the actual, rose from Rs. 2-13-1 to Rs. 3-1-7 per acre. On the whole the statistics show that the unfavourable conditions of the season, while they did not actually retard the extension of agriculture, had a marked adverse effect on the rate of progress.

Statistics of area and rent.

4. The rental demand, which in the previous year was Rs. 1,53,18,437, rose to Rs. 1,56,24,866. Collections were excellent in the Chhattisgarh division and good in Nagpur, but owing to poor crops in the two other divisions, considerable sums remained uncollected, amounting to 22 per cent of the total demand.

Rental collections.

5. The agricultural population, assisted by the high prices obtained for their produce, withstood the strain of the increased cost of living well in most parts of the Provinces, but the Commissioner of the Jubbulpore division takes a somewhat gloomy view of the situation in the Jubbulpore and Damoh districts, which during the last two decades have fared worse than the rest of the Provinces. Indebtedness is said to have increased during that period, though there are no statistics to show by what amount, while a lowering of the

standard of dress, which it is hoped is only temporary, has been noticed. Taking the Provinces as a whole, the demand for labour was good. Difficulties in railway transport arose during the year, which necessitated the appointment of a Director of Civil Supplies to regulate the import of food-grains into districts where there was a shortage and to ensure that food-stuffs so transported were sold at as moderate a price as was possible under the circumstances. He dealt also with such necessaries as salt and kerosine oil, when difficulties of supply and cornering forced up their prices. The year was on the whole a healthy one, and plague and cholera were less prevalent than usual, but at its close the outbreak of influenza, which later took an enormous toll of life, was beginning to make its appearance. A milder form of the same disease, accompanied by a small mortality, appeared some months earlier, but in many places was not recognised as exceptional. The Central Provinces Land Alienation Act, II of 1916, was applied during the year to the Jagir estates of the Chhindwara district, to portions of the Bhandara and Chanda districts and to the whole of the Nimar and Balaghat districts, the tribes affected being Raj-Gonds, Gonds, Korkus, Pardhans and Marias, but the number of applications dealt with was small. In the Betul district, where the Act was applied in the previous year, the Court of Wards was able to effect a composition with the creditors of a Korku estate, thereby substantially reducing the outstanding debts.

Landlords and Tenants.

6. Relations between landlords and tenants are reported to have been satisfactory. In a few districts there was some friction on questions of grazing and nistar rights, but nowhere were there any serious disputes. In more backward tracts like the zamindaris of Chhattisgarh the large landowners are in a position of considerable authority over their tenants, and the district reports show that Deputy Commissioners keep a careful watch to see that their authority is not abused.

Attitude of the people towards Government Societies and Associations.

7. The relations between the people and Government remained cordial, and the response to the second war loan and to other appeals in connection with the war is testimony of the readiness of the people to help Government. The co-operative credit movement continued its healthy growth, though the year was more one of consolidation than of expansion. The Agricultural Department continued during the year to expand its activities and increase its influence over the people. Farms for demonstration and experiment now exist at 14 places in 12 districts, while others at Chhindwara and Nimar are under contemplation. One of the most useful functions of the department is the supply of pure seed, and an idea of the public appreciation of its efforts can be formed from the fact that in the two districts of Raipur and Drug 19 new private seed farms were established during the year to cope with the demand. The Veterinary Department again advanced in popular esteem, and it is reported that the prejudice against inoculation is gradually lessening, noticeably good results being obtained in the Saugor, Jubbulpore and Damoh districts, where cattle disease was fairly widespread.

8. The district and divisional reports again refer to the measures for the destruction of wild pig. The chaukidari system is in force in several districts and is being extended to others. The Deputy Commissioner, Betul, reports that the defect in the system is the difficulty of getting the chaukidar to realise his responsibility of protecting the crops of the whole village in addition to his own; the remedy for this defect would appear to be to appoint as chaukidar a man who does not hold land. The real obstacle to progress, as has often been stated, is the lack of enterprise of the people. As an instance of what can be done may be quoted an incident which occurred recently in the Chanda district, where with the aid of a thorn fence and a pit more than 50 pig were trapped and destroyed with ease. A pig killing club organised by an influential land-owner in the Nagpur district has accounted for a number of pig, and this is an example which may well be commended to others to follow.

Loans.

9. The circumstances of the year increased the demand for Government loans, and the amounts paid out under the Land Improvements Loans Act and the Agriculturists' Loans Act increased from Rs. 27,197 and Rs. 1,82,333 to Rs. 45,258 and Rs. 7,28,518 respectively. Including arrears and interest, the total amount under the two

Acts due for collection during the year was Rs. 6,50,251 ; of this sum Rs. 1,43,869 was suspended and Rs. 8,836 remitted. Realizations, including advance collections of Rs. 9,225, amounted to Rs. 4,97,307.

At the end of the year it is satisfactory to find that only Rs. 45,878 was overdue against Rs. 75,815 in 1916-17 and Rs. 1,07,120 in 1915-16. After meeting the interest charges of the Government of India and allowing for amounts remitted, there was a net loss to the Local Administration of Rs. 3,578. Local Governments have been authorised by the Government of India to increase, if necessary, the rate of interest for these loans to cultivators in view of the fact that the Government of India charge was raised to $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent from the 1st April 1917. An analysis of the figures, however, shows that no change in the rates is at present required. Interest is paid to the Government of India on the mean amount outstanding during the year, whereas it is not usually paid by cultivators in the financial year in which they take loans. When, therefore, new loans are large in amount, as in the present year, the paper profits of the Local Government diminish. In illustration of this may be quoted the fact that in the scarcity year of 1913-14, before the Government rate of interest was raised, the loss to the Local Administration was nearly ten times as great as last year. In view, therefore, of the fact that there was probably no real loss during the year under report, while appreciable profits have accrued in the past, I do not think that there is any need at present to raise the rate to agriculturists.

Land revenue collections.

10. The total demand on account of land revenue on the roll rose from Rs. 1,07,99,771 on the 1st October 1917 to Rs. 1,10,63,675 on the 1st October 1918. The increase was mainly due to the revision of settlement in the Seoni, Hoshangabad, Chhindwara and Bhandara districts and to the progressive enhancement of revenue which was imposed at the last settlement in Saugor. Only the small sum of Rs. 766 was remitted, but suspensions amounted to Rs. 4,59,804, of which Rs. 3,42,191 was in the Hoshangabad district and the bulk of the remainder in Nimar, Wardha and Chanda. The net demand for collection was Rs. 1,04,68,943. Of this all but Rs. 7,920, of which Nimar was responsible for Rs. 5,272, was collected. Results were particularly satisfactory in the Jubbulpore and Chhattisgarh divisions, where the balance for collection was only Rs. 50 and Rs. 56, respectively. The balance on account of arrears was Rs. 2,553, of which Rs. 1,926 was realised. Miscellaneous land revenue and land revenue not on the roll together increased from Rs. 6,82,679 to Rs. 7,90,089. Much of the increase was in the Bhandara district, and was due to the sale of *milkiyat-sarkar* plots by the Settlement Officer.

The recovery of land revenue was not affected with as much ease as in the previous year, and the number of coercive processes issued for its recovery increased in almost every district. The number of cases, however, in which arrest was followed by imprisonment in the Civil Jail or attachment by sale was very small, and there is little doubt that the whole demand set down for recovery could have been paid punctually, had the defaulters wished to do so.

In last year's report I drew attention to the increase in the use of direc management of mahals under Section 128 (*c*) of the Land Revenue Act as a means of recovering the land revenue, and pointed out that the process was one which should only be used in exceptional circumstances. In the past year this process was resorted to in six cases, one in Narsinghpur, three in Nimar and two in Bhandara. No details are given of the reasons in either the divisional or district reports, but in the Narsinghpur report it is mentioned that both kists had to be recovered by direct management and that the defaulter was a woman. Commissioners should examine all these cases at their next inspection of the districts concerned, and consider whether the use of this process was desirable. As I pointed out last year, the attachment and sale of a mahal for arrears of revenue is a very suitable process in the case of habitual or wilful defaulters, and, except in times of depression, there is no objection to the use of this process freely.

Raiyatwari estates.

11. There was a slight set back in the total area included in occupied survey numbers, which decreased from 1,082,857 acres to 1,074,463 acres or by 8,394 acres, and the balance for allotment increased to 242,538 acres with an average assessment of a little more than 3 annas. The fall in area occurred almost entirely in the Mandla district

and is ascribed by the Deputy Commissioner to the system of rotation of crops, which requires land to lie fallow for 5 or 6 years at a time to recover its fertility. Much poor land is therefore relinquished after being cultivated for a few years. The area sub-let by patels dropped from 5 to 4 per cent of their holdings, the Seoni and Mandla districts being mainly responsible. The area sub-let by raiyats was more than 3 per cent of their holdings, and the Deputy Commissioner, Chanda, reports that in his district the condition of residence has been habitually disregarded in the past and sub-letting by absentees has been common. He has been taking action to secure more desirable tenants. The allotments for improving the estates were again not fully utilised, and in Mandla, where the Commissioner reported last year that he was proposing to devote more attention to the improvement of communications, only Rs. 1,150 was spent in this manner, and nearly half the total allotment of Rs. 10,000 remained unspent.

Alienation of land.

12. The number of sales of proprietary rights of villages and parts of villages by private negotiations increased from 1,561 to 1,715 and those by the order of the Court fell from 301 to 288. In the latter instance there was a drop of more than 50 per cent in the area affected. In private sales the multiple of land revenue obtained increased from 28·6 to 29·3 and in those by order of the Court it increased from 16·6 to 16·9. The lower figures in compulsory sales are of course due to the fact that property is not usually brought to the hammer until the encumbrances are heavy. Some individual cases of high prices are again recorded, and in one case a small share in a village which carried with it good home-farm land, fetched no less than 500 times the allotted portion of the land revenue.

Partition cases.

13. The number of partition cases instituted during the year fell from 300 to 259. The largest number was in the Balaghat district following on the cessation of settlement operations. Disposals were satisfactory, 145 villages having been actually partitioned, and the number of cases pending at the end of the year fell from 206 to 164. Considering the intricate nature of the work, the difficulties often put in the way of prompt disposal by the parties themselves and the numerous additional duties lately placed on officers in connection with the war, it is creditable to find that only in four districts was any case instituted prior to March 1917 pending at the end of September 1918. By the time that my remarks in last year's report on the desirability of doing the bulk of the work on the spot reached Deputy Commissioners the touring season must have almost come to an end, but references made by several Deputy Commissioners indicate that they are alive to the necessity of action on those lines.

Cases under the special provisions of the Land Revenue and Tenancy Acts.

14. The number of applications by lambardars for the recovery of arrears of land revenue increased from 417 to 561. For this increase the Nagpur Division was entirely responsible. The Deputy Commissioner, Nagpur, remarks that such applications are only granted when the applicant has shown that he has used reasonable diligence in attempting to make the collection himself, and this is of course the intention of the law. In Bhandara, however, one Zamindar filed no fewer than 74 such applications, apparently because he had a preference for getting his own work done by the official staff. The Deputy Commissioner's report does not disclose the result of these applications, and the whole report submitted by Mr. Brown, the Deputy Commissioner, is so meagre in detail and condensed as to be of little use or interest. Applications to eject tenants for arrears of rent decreased from 1,663 to 1,657; there are, however, considerable fluctuations among divisions, and in some districts where crops were poor and an increase might have been expected, the contrary result occurred owing to the suspension of revenue, which carries with it suspension of rents. Applications to transfer *sir* fell from 642 to 517 and those to set aside transfers by occupancy and ordinary tenants from 409 to 359.

Rent suits.

15. The number of suits for arrears of rent brought by landlords increased from 10,094 to 11,148; of the increase, the Nagpur district, where the Deputy Commissioner attributes it to four successive years of financial stringency, was alone responsible for 930 cases. The practice of distraining crops for rent hitherto prevalent to some extent in the Nagpur district has spread to the neighbouring district of Wardha and to

a lesser extent to Bhandara, these two districts reporting 244 and 45 cases as against *nil* in the previous year.

Land acquisition.

16. The acquisition of land for the Mahanadi and Tandula Canals in the Raipur and Drug districts is now nearing completion. In the former district the special officers disposed of 143 and in the latter 28 cases, the balance remaining at the end of the year in the two districts being only 39. Details of the other work done by the special officer are not given in the report of the Drug district, but in Raipur crossings were settled over 16 distributaries and 13 minors extending over 117 miles, and 352 rent remission cases were decided. The most important land acquisition project elsewhere is that for the site for the University at Nagpur, which involves *inter alia* the valuation of 800 houses. Work was somewhat delayed by the outbreak of influenza at the end of the year, but will now be completed as soon as the services of an Assistant Engineer to help in working out certain standards for general application are made available. The heaviest pending file is in the Balaghat district, where the most prolific cause of delay was the absence of the patwaris of the tract transferred from Bhandara in the settlement office of that district. The Deputy Commissioner should now take steps to bring the work up to date.

Collectors' cases.

17. There was again an increase from 2,802 to 2,985 in the number of cases in which the Civil Courts ordered sale of landed property, and the pending file advanced from 1,427 to 1,510. The number of cases in which sale was averted by the payment of the claim declined from 1,086 to 1,030 and the percentage of such cases from 38·7 to 34·5. Revised rules, which gave more prominence to the preliminary procedure of deciding whether it is desirable or possible to save the attached property, were promulgated on the 15th August 1918, and should prevent much useless work in future.

General revenue business.

18. The total number of cases instituted during the year increased from 54,604 to 60,156 or by 10 per cent. The largest increases were in the Saugor, Jubbulpore, Hoshangabad, Betul, Chhindwara, Balaghat and Chanda districts, and the reasons therefor include the increased distribution of takavi loans and appointment of lambardars for each patti of a village in accordance with the provisions of the new Land Revenue Act. The volume of revenue correspondence again showed a further decline owing to the non-registration of letters of an ephemeral nature, and the Commissioner, Chhattisgarh, reports that the new system, which was introduced with effect from the 1st January 1918, is working well.

Lambardars, mukaddams and kotwars.

19. From the Commissioners' reports it appears that the lambardari system has continued to work well. The appointment of sadar lambardars in villages in which there is more than one patti is now necessitated by the provisions of Section 187 of the Land Revenue Act, and the Commissioner of the Jubbulpore Division reports that competition for this honour has in some instances resulted in greater punctuality in the payment of land revenue and that the measure is likely to result in the diminution of friction amongst co-sharers in such villages. Some district reports are silent on the question of the appointment of lambardars for each separate patti in a village, which, as I pointed out last year, is required by law, and in Bilaspur no steps have yet been taken to carry out the law in this respect. On the whole mukaddams seem to have performed their duties satisfactorily, though the Commissioner, Nagpur, cannot say more for them than that their work is as good as can be excepted from what seems to be a poor class of man. The usual number of petty punishments is again reported, and the roll is again heavy in Betul. In two instances mukaddams were dismissed in the Baihar tahsil of Balaghat for the illicit distillation of liquor, and one in Nagpur for misappropriation. Elsewhere the aid of the criminal law was invoked and 7 criminal prosecutions were instituted against mukaddams in the Betul, Raipur and Bilaspur districts.

As a body the kotwars have again conducted themselves well. In the Saugor district one kotwar was killed by the notorious dacoit Dhiraj Singh, whose operations were mentioned in last year's report as having terrorised

mukaddams and deterred them from reporting, and his son also fell a victim in attempting to follow up the murderers. In the Baihar tahsil of Balaghat kotwars are as a body discontented and inefficient owing to the unattractive remuneration attached to the posts, and the Deputy Commissioner should take the opportunity of the next good harvest to propose remedial measures. Applications for the recovery of dues are still numerous in some districts, but district officers on tour now generally pay attention to the matter, and such applications are decreasing. The Deputy Commissioner, Nagpur, reports that special difficulty was experienced in this respect in villages in or near which mines were situated.

Touring and inspections.

20. The touring programme of officers was generally adequate, indeed the special circumstance of the year caused more time than usual to be spent in camp. Inspections were usually sufficient, but the Deputy Commissioner, Narsinghpur, failed to inspect any of the tahsil offices and did not complete his inspection of the District office.

Financial Commissioner.

21. The office of Financial Commissioner was held by me from the 1st October 1917 to the 1st April 1918 and by Sir James Walker, K.C.I.E., from the 2nd April 1918 to the end of the year under review, during my absence on leave. Eighty-two appeals were disposed of, of which five were successful. Forty-three applications for revision were dealt with and the orders of the lower court were set aside in five cases. Orders were passed on 229 applications for sanction to transfer *sir* land.

Land Records.

22. The report of the Director of Land Records shows that a fair standard has been attained by the staff both as regards conduct and discipline. Except in districts under settlement, where delay is almost inevitable, the annual papers were filed punctually and circle note-books written up to date. Revised patwari halkabandis were introduced in the Narsinghpur and Balaghat districts, and the patwari circles were readjusted in Nagpur and in the three tahsils of Chanda which are under settlement. The scheme of graded pay for patwaris was introduced in ten districts, and the opportunity is being taken of offering the watandar patwaris in Nimar, who enjoy privileges in the matter of appointing substitutes, the option of surrendering their watan in exchange for an increase in pay. During the year 30 new appointments of Revenue Inspectors were sanctioned in 12 districts, where the number of villages in the circles was too large, and the average number of villages to an Inspector has thereby been reduced from 154 to 133. The amount of checking done by Deputy Commissioners and their assistants and by the tahsil staff decreased, as all these officers had their hands full of other work to which precedence had to be given, but the list of officers who seriously neglected this work is not a long one. One of the incumbents of the new created posts of Deputy Director of Land Records was employed entirely in the supervision of maps, and it is hoped that by a thorough overhaul of the maps of one district in each division every year, they will everywhere be properly maintained during the currency of the settlements, thereby putting an end to the extensive and expensive correction which has hitherto been necessary prior to re-settlement. The Director of Land Records does not speak with enthusiasm of the work of the Superintendents of Land Records of the old school, who, he says, are with few exceptions loath to leave stereotyped routes of touring and methods of working and consider that they earn their pay if their returns are punctually and correctly compiled, while they make no real and conscientious effort to train and guide the subordinate staff. As the older men retire under the scheme introduced last year, vacancies will be filled by young and energetic Tahsildars, who are to be deputed to Land Record work for three years early in their service, and this, with the newly appointed supervising staff of Deputy Directors of Land Records, will no doubt ultimately result in considerable improvements in the maintenance of records. The cadre of Assistant Superintendents of Land Records was again separated from that of Naib-Tahsildars during the year; but the door of promotion has not been closed to deserving men, as it has been laid down that qualified Assistant Superintendents of Land Records are still eligible for appointment as Naib-Tahsildars. The punishment roll of patwaris shows a decrease from 9·4 to 6·4 per cent of their total number, and the Director of Land Records thinks that the standard of discipline is improving. Punishments of Revenue Inspectors have been rare,

only six cases, four of reduction and two of compulsory transfer, being reported; and there has been a marked improvement of the personnel as a result of appointing trained men from the Settlement staff, no man being now given a circle permanently until he has been given a full course of training in the field in a district under settlement.

Settlements.

23. Settlement work was in progress in the Hoshangabad, Bhandara, Seoni and Betul districts, while in Chhindwara the announcement of rents in 22 villages of the Jagirs which had remained over from the previous year was completed and the staff dispersed during the course of the year. The inception report of the Warora, Chanda and Brahmapuri tahsils of the Chanda district was forwarded to the Government of India during the year, and attestation commenced shortly after its close. In the Hoshangabad district the announcement of the revised demand in the remaining villages of the Harda tahsil was completed during the hot weather and the record work was finished and the settlement closed down at the end of the rains.

A heavy programme of announcement was carried out both in Seoni and Bhandara, but this caused the work of attestation, which is particularly intricate in the latter district, to proceed more slowly. In Betul the adoption in the more backward tracts of the simplified form of procedure, which includes the application of an extremely simple soil classification and the fixation of rents on the spot, again proved popular with the tenantry and made a large announcement outturn possible. This system will be applied to backward tracts in other districts also. Map correction in the Bhainsdehi tahsil of Betul, where the innovation was introduced of giving only an approximate position on the map to isolated fields of shifting cultivation on poor soil, was completed, and only a small area remained unfinished in the Warora tahsil of the Chanda district.

Notice of officers.

24. The increasing shortage of officers owing to the war is illustrated by the fact that on the 1st October 1918 only one fully trained Assistant Commissioner was on district duty. Many other officers were also for the same reason employed on extraneous duties, and by the time that hostilities ceased Commissioners were experiencing the greatest difficulty in filling up the ranks of Tahsildars, whose cadre was required to make good the shortage amongst Assistant and Extra-Assistant Commissioners, as well as that in its own ranks. The officers who remained cheerfully responded to the fresh calls made upon them by such matters as the encouragement of recruiting, the supply of grass for the Army Department, the organisation of war loan subscriptions and the control of salt and kerosine and food-grains. This depletion of staff added greatly to the work and responsibility of all Deputy Commissioners, who as a body are to be congratulated on their successful administration in a very trying year, and I take this opportunity of recording my appreciation of the work done by Messrs C. A. Clarke, I.C.S., at Nagpur, R. A. Wilson, I.C.S., at Jubbulpore, F. C. Turner, I.C.S., at Raipur, who were in charge of the three heaviest districts during the year. The following officers may be selected for special mention from those whose work has been favourably mentioned in the district reports:—

Assistant Commissioners.

Nagpur Division	... Mr. C. K. Seaman.
Chhattisgarh Division	... Mr. J. G. Bourne. „ G. V. Bewoor.

Extra-Assistant Commissioners.

Jubbulpore Division	... Rai Bahadur Hira Lal. Khan Bahadur Elijah Jacob. Mr. D. D. Dadimaster. „ Kunj Bihari Lal. „ H. A. R. Dewey.
Nerbudda Division	... Mr. A. H. Bailey. Khan Bahadur Sorabji Shapurji. Mr. K. P. Verma. „ Manzur Ahmad. „ Ramanuj Prasad.

Nagpur Division	...	Rai Bahadur Panda Baijnath. Mr. W. G. Slaney. „ D. G. Stracey. „ B. B. Kekre. „ K. R. Joshi. „ Hiralal Verma. „ G. P. Tiwari. „ Fazlal Karim Khan. „ K. R. Rotkar. „ M. G. Chitnavis.
Chhattisgarh Division	...	Mr. D. E. Sanjana. „ J. C. Gupta.

Tahsildars.

Jubbulpore Division	...	Mr. Lakshmi Prasad. „ Abdul Rahim Khan. „ Jawahir Lal. „ Mukund Rao Harney.
Nerbudda Division	...	Mr. Gokul Prasad Ishwardas.
Nagpur Division	...	Mr. Hazari Lal. „ G. V. Kane. „ B. M. Diwakar. „ G. R. Deoskar. „ M. M. Joglekar. „ N. P. Dashasahasra. „ Mohan Lal. „ S. Venkatramayya. „ Lakshmi Narayan. „ S. S. Parkhie. „ Munnalal Shrivastava.
Chhattisgarh Division	...	Mr. Abdul Wahid Khan.

H. A. CRUMP,
Financial Commissioner,
Central Provinces and Berar.

The May 4th 1919.

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Loans made under the Land Improvement Loans Act and Agriculturists' Loans Act.

I.—*Account of Local Government with Government of India for Central Provinces during the Revenue year ending the 30th September 1918.*

	Amount advanced to the Local Government by the Government of India.			Interest payable for the year by the Local Government to the Government of India at different rates on mean outstanding.
	Outstanding at the commencement of the year.	Outstanding at the close of the year.	Mean outstanding.	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Land Improvement Loans Act	6 35,503	4,53,420	5,44,461	19,915
Agriculturists' do.	3,05,019	8,07,477	5,56,248	28,106
Total both Acts	9,40,522	12,60,897	11,00,709	48,021

II.—*Account of Local Government with Agriculturist borrowers.*

		Land Improvement Loans Act.	Agriculturists' Loans Act.	Total both Acts.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Principal	Outstanding at commencement of the year	(a) 6,26,735	(a) 3,04,791	(a) 9,31,526
	Advanced during the year	45,258	7,28,518	7,73,776
	Total advanced	6,71,993	10,33,309	17,05,302
	Amount due for collection within the year (including arrears).	2,41,499	3,38,855	5,80,354
	Remitted during the year	441	8,377	8,818
	Collected during the year	(b) 2,26,204	(b) 2,17,860	(b) 4,44,064
	Total remitted and collected	2,26,645	2,26,237	4,52,882
	Balance outstanding at the end of the year	4,45,348	(c) 8,07,078	(c) 12,52,426
	Amount suspended by competent authority	16,659	1,20,681	1,37,340
	Amount overdue	16,574	19,207	35,781
Interest	Arrears of interest suspended and overdue at the commencement of the year.	(a) 6,389	(a) 6,080	(a) 12,469
	Interest falling due within the year	35,627	21,800	57,427
	Total interest for collection within the year	42,016	27,880	69,896
	Remitted during the year	...	18	18
	Collected during the year	37,035	16,207	53,242
	Total remitted and collected	37,035	16,225	53,260
	Suspended by competent authority	1,334	5,195	6,529
	Arrears of interest overdue at the end of the year	3,647	6,460	10,107
Total Principal and Interest.	Remitted during the year	441	8,395	8,836
	Collected during the year	2,63,239	2,34,067	4,97,306
	Under suspension at the end of the year	17,993	1,25,876	1,43,869
	Overdue at the end of the year	20,221	25,667	45,888

III.—*Financial results of Loan operations to Local Government for the Revenue year ending the 30th September 1918.*

	Land Improvement Loans Act.	Agriculturists' Loans Act.	Total both Acts.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Interest payable for the year by the Local Government to the Government of India	19,915	28,106	48,021
2. Interest collected during the year	36,990	16,189	53,179
3. Balance of interest accruing to the Local Government, *i. e.*, difference between (1) and (2).	+17,075	—11,917	+ 5,158
4. Remissions of principal during the year	...	8,736	8,736
5. Net result (profit or loss) for the year 1917-18	+17,075	—20,653	— 3,578
6. Net result for previous years 1916-17	+28,153	+20,671	+48,824
1915-16	+40,813	+44,285	+85,098
1914-15	+26,404	+27,417	+53,821
1913-14	— 7,690	—22,679	—30,369
1912-13	+23,539	+ 4,578	+28,117
7. Expenditure on free grants-in-aid towards the construction of private protective works or on establishments for well-boring or other outlay incurred from current revenue in connection with takavi transactions.	*Nil*	*Nil*	*Nil*

NOTE.—The differences between the Comptroller's figures and the departmental figures are due to the fact that the Commissioners' accounts are made up to 30th September and the Comptroller's accounts to 31st March, the differences being reconciled at the end of the financial year:—

(a) Last year's figures were wrong.

(b) Includes advance collections on account of principal not yet fallen due:—

	Rs.
Land Improvement Loans Act	2,441
Agriculturists' Loans Act	6,784
Total	9,225

(c) Exceed by Rs. 6, being excess collection of the previous year refunded during the year.

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STATEMENT A.—Showing the area held by the several classes of Landlords
Agricultural year

(1).—DETAILS OF

Districts.	Total area included in holdings.	Land held by malgu zars.			
		Area held in sir.	Area cultivated other than sir.	Percentage of occupied area held by malguzars.	Number of holdings.
1	2	3	4	5	6
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.		
Saugor	1,226,298	145,404	72,823	17·80	4,154
Damoh	751,597	95,106	42,293	18·28	3,757
Jubbulpore	1,449,916	156,765	86,018	17·00	10,602
Mandla	873,664	37,041	42,175	9·07	339
Seoni	1,004,285	148,013	98,102	23·78	545
Total Jubbulpore Division ...	5,305,760	582,329	341,411	17·41	19,397
Narsinghpur	740,378	82,611	46,626	18·00	1,061
Hoshangabad ... Khalsa ...	1,201,516	189,228	84,357	22·77	1,134
Hoshangabad ... Jagir ...	8,589	658	162	9·55	...
Nimar	794,430	58,250	25,765	10·57	15,777
Betul	1,089,973	70,821	46,577	10·77	416
Chhindwara ... Khalsa ...	955,935	136,821	89,934	22·77	469
Chhindwara ... Jagir ...	291,467	13,802	6,871	7·09	...
Total Nerbudda Division ...	5,122,288	552,191	300,292	16·64	18,857
Wardha	1,181,631	155,958	87,617	20·61	4,671
Nagpur	1,628,905	205,418	70,623	16·94	10,231
Chanda ... Khalsa ...	988,468	77,102	40,260	12·00	5,703
Chanda ... Zamindari ...	143,539	8,820	5,202	10·00	91
Bhandara ... Khalsa ..	656,632	103,159	28,957	20·12	5,490
Bhandara ... Zamindari ...	351,125	47,379	16,107	18·08	583
Balaghat ... Khalsa ...	484,128	77,608	22,948	21·00	1,679
Balaghat ... Zamindari ...	130,307	18,440	3,863	17·00	66
Total Nagpur Division ...	5,564,735	693,884	275,577	17·42	28,514
Raipur ... Khalsa ...	1,597,125	204,856	199,798	25·00	1,834
Raipur ... Zamindari ...	973,988	93,352	61,114	16·00	13
Bilaspur ... Khalsa ...	1,306,561	173,676	133,007	23·00	6,213
Bilaspur ... Zamindari ...	664,507	68,451	29,434	15·00	72
Drug ... Khalsa ...	1,307,027	233,432	155,609	29·76	1,545
Drug ... Zamindari ...	466,277	51,762	27,895	16·65	198
Total Chhattisgarh Division ...	6,315,485	825,529	606,857	23·00	9,875
GRAND TOTAL ...	22,308,268	2,653,933	1,524,137	18·73	76,643
For preceding year ...	22,286,378	2,644,983	1,533,596	18·74	74,210

and Tenants and also the rental in each District of the Central Provinces during the ending the 31st May 1918.

PROPRIETORS.

Land held by malik-makbuzas.		Land held completely or partially revenue-free.				Total area held by proprietors, *i. e.*, total of columns 3, 4 7 and 10.	Remarks.
Area.	Revenue assessed.	Number of holdings.	Area.	Revenue assigned (not for realization).	Revenue demanded (for realization).		
7	8	9	10	11	11*a*	12	13
Acres.	Rs.		Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Acres.	
42,930	52,192	826	7,995	8,959	45	269,152	
31,050	29,543	118	1,935	2,412	...	170,384	
56,036	64,560	557	3,426	7,062	698	302,245	
3,071	1,527	22	34	15	...	82,321	
8,095	5,561	7	64	38	17	254,274	
141,182	1,53,383	1,530	13,454	18,486	760	1,078,376	
16,707	20,286	132	1,939	1,937	611	147,883	
26,108	28,616	73	976	1,365	12	300,669	
...	...	...	...	...	...	820	
176,186	2,47,294	1,261	21,438	39,420	1,755	281,639	
6,582	5,539	113	2,749	584	1,107	126,729	
5,448	5,914	218	2,129	1,574	1,134	234,332	
...	...	...	...	...	...	20,673	
231,031	3,07,649	1,797	29,231	44,880	4,619	1,112,745	
51,414	77,394	397	5,477	10,364	55	300,466	
108,250	2,17,956	501	8,677	18,468	383	392,968	
74,638	43,441	440	8,020	3,900	1,509	200,020	
2,651	960	...	...	...	...	16,673	
50,143	61,412	49	523	433	127	182,782	
7,796	6,221	...	...	...	...	71,282	
17,539	20,179	4	5	7	...	118,100	
1,469	1,758	...	...	...	...	23,772	
313,900	4,29,321	1,391	22,702	33,172	2,074	1,306,063	
5,928	3,921	23	654	504	...	411,236	
76	...	...	...	...	...	154,542	
28,194	21,488	7	167	...	...	335,044	
838	521	...	...	...	...	98,723	
7,708	4,990	16	124	82	...	396,873	
7,227	1,866	...	...	...	...	86,934	
50,021	32,786	46	945	586	...	1,483,352	
736,134	9,23,139	4,764	66,332	97,124	7,453	4,980,536	
735,621	9,04,405	4,732	66,854	96,634	6,888	4,881,054	

STATEMENT A.—Showing the area held by the several classes of Landlords Agricultural year ending

(2)—DETAILS

Districts.	Land held by aboslute-occupancy tenants.				Land held by occupancy tenants.				Land held in ordinary tenant's right by tenants of other classes.		
	Number of holdings.	Area.	Rent.	Incidence per acre.	Number of holdings.	Area.	Rent.	Incidence per acre.	Area.	Rent.	Incidence per acre.
1	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Acres.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.		Acres.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.
Sauger ...	20,084	153,789	2,30,483	1 8 0	33,556	223,733	2,96,623	1 5 3	150,366	1,66,809	1 1 9
Damoh ...	18,989	112,725	1,42,907	1 4 3	23,002	119,398	1,39,866	1 2 9	89,025	95,422	1 1 2
Jubbulpore ...	26,601	193,828	3,17,690	1 10 3	47,520	268,397	3,74,782	1 0 5	204,690	1,97,262	0 15 5
Mandla ...	1,326	10,899	10,251	0 15 0	5,153	62,840	40,364	0 10 3	80,756	29,612	0 5 10
Seoni ...	3,049	40,680	39,264	0 15 5	11,723	150,489	1,23,896	0 13 2	104,707	66,258	0 10 1
Total Jubbulpore Division ...	70,049	511,921	7,40,595	1 7 1	120,954	824,857	9,75,531	1 2 11	629,544	5,55,363	0 14 1
Narsinghpur ...	12,408	138,237	2,34,068	1 11 1	22,656	165,386	2,74,191	1 10 6	64,773	1,10,272	1 11 5
Hoshangabad ... Khalsa ...	17,002	274,428	4,20,365	1 8 6	27,794	309,071	4,29,385	1 6 3	83,813	1,06,155	1 4 3
Hoshangabad ... Jagir ...	...	...	...	...	201	2,406	1,459	0 9 8	452	295	0 10 5
Nimar ...	498	5,562	5,739	1 0 6	37,729	494,483	3,96,708	0 12 10	...	...	...
Betul ... Khalsa ...	10,112	156,664	1,00,525	0 10 3	24,864	342,512	1,48,273	0 6 11	97,695	32,440	0 5 4
Betul ... Jagir ...	10,297	99,599	1,42,250	1 6 10	31,034	266,760	2,29,176	0 13 9	1,31,023	63,766	0 7 9
Chhindwara ...	...	...	...	...	2,699	70,151	16,915	0 3 10	31,410	10,937	0 5 7
Total Nerbudda Division ...	50,317	674,490	9,03,947	1 5 5	146,968	1,650,769	14,96,107	0 14 6	409,166	3,23,865	0 12 8
Wardha ...	10,943	156,637	2,15,299	1 6 0	26,945	406,056	4,85,017	1 3 1	64,553	66,304	1 0 5
Nagpur ...	20,433	247,993	4,44,347	1 12 8	39,515	551,931	7,99,963	1 7 2	89,286	1,02,153	1 2 3
Chanda ... Khalsa ...	10,028	112,549	74,655	0 10 7	69,641	657,432	4,23,945	0 10 4	67	103	1 8 7
Chanda ... Zamindari ...	199	2,011	999	0 7 11	13,574	121,107	42,860	0 5 8	...	...	...
Bhandara ... Khalsa ...	8,072	71,935	91,992	1 4 6	23,919	198,468	2,36,609	1 3 1	45,434	45,134	0 15 11
Bhandara ... Zamindari ...	2,597	24,390	23,723	0 15 7	10,376	84,419	82,459	0 15 8	27,932	22,914	0 13 2
Balaghat ... Khalsa ...	5,834	45,007	64,370	1 6 10	18,544	120,769	1,58,688	1 5 0	38,873	43,497	1 1 11
Balaghat ... Zamindari ...	856	7,770	12,256	1 9 3	4,501	33,676	51,717	1 8 7	10,252	13,863	1 5 8
Total Nagpur Division ...	58,962	668,292	9,27,641	1 6 8	207,015	2,173,858	22,81,258	1 0 9	276,387	2,93,968	1 1 0
Raipur ... Khalsa ...	18,035	139,905	1,24,280	0 14 3	47,338	370,467	3,23,612	0 14 0	168,560	1,33,234	0 12 8
Raipur ... Zamindari ...	...	...	...	...	16,453	243,847	60,616	0 4 0	25,780	7,781	0 4 10
Bilaspur ... Khalsa ...	19,605	81,053	68,484	0 13 6	76,127	367,258	2,35,400	0 10 3	162,100	1,23,647	0 12 2
Bilaspur ... Zamindari ...	...	...	...	...	11,021	98,881	59,118	0 9 7	53,403	22,341	0 6 5
Drug ... Khalsa ...	17,241	147,222	1,29,055	0 14 0	34,612	317,287	2,78,173	0 14 0	123,771	1,03,588	0 13 8
Drug ... Zamindari ...	91	2,009	708	0 5 8	12,456	191,699	68,266	0 5 8	19,706	13,166	0 10 8
Total Chhattisgarh Division ...	54,972	370,189	3,22,527	0 14 0	198,007	1,589,439	10,25,185	0 10 3	553,410	4,03,757	0 11 8
GRAND TOTAL ...	234,300	2,224,892	28,93,710	1 4 10	672,944	6,238,923	57,78,081	0 14 10	1,868,507	15,76,953	0 13 6
For preceding year ...	231,711	2,230,708	28,29,030	1 4 3	663,073	6,230,521	56,60,785	0 14 6	1,860,040	15,43,726	0 13 3

and Tenants and also the rental in each District of the Central Provinces during the the 31st May 1918.—(Concld.)

OF TENANTS.

Land held by ordinary tenants.				Total of tenant area, *i. e.*, total of columns 15, 19, 22 and 26.	Total rental, *i. e.*, columns 16, 20, 23 and 27.	Incidence per acre.	Rents actually collected.		Land held rent-free.		Land held by sub-tenants of Sir land.		
Number of holdings.	Area.	Rent.	Incidence per acre.				On account of current year.	On account of previous year.	Area held as grant from proprietors.	Area held in lieu of service.	Number.	Area.	Rent demand.
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38
	Acres.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.	Rs.	Rs.	Acres.	Acres.		Acres.	Rs.
60,478	401,305	5,23,823	1 4 11	929,193	12,17,738	1 5 0	8,45,242	1,28,307	18,175	9,778	7,474	33,816	76,948
42,638	347,522	3,11,488	1 4 2	568,670	6,89,685	1 3 5	35,46,601	80,041	8,326	4,217	3,629	21,397	82,376
105,746	470,253	5,37,214	1 2 3	1,137,168	14,26,948	1 4 1	12,33,932	2,07,673	...	10,503	10,037	30,252	1,24,179
49,779	626,182	2,34,799	0 6 0	780,677	3,15,026	0 6 5	2,52,378	26,366	4,229	6,437	1,994	6,051	6,551
55,673	446,230	3,14,598	0 11 3	742,106	5,44,016	0 11 9	...	...	5,370	2,535	5,388	27,283	26,655
314,314	2,191,492	19,21,922	0 10 6	4,157,814	41,93,411	1 0 1	28,78,153	4,42,387	36,100	33,470	28,522	118,799	3,16,709
26,841	206,961	3,56,253	1 11 6	575,357	9,74,784	1 11 1	7,30,051	1,86,848	8,066	9,072	3,727	32,480	1,56,011
36,189	227,408	2,80,971	1 3 9	894,720	12,36,876	1 6 1	4,92,054	1,45,417	...	6,127	4,339	46,333	1,83,649
773	4,827	2,812	0 9 4	7,685	4,566	0 9 6	3,674	196	...	84	29	214	213
8	190	760	4 0 0	500,235	4,03,207	0 12 11	4,79,999	49,853	4,102	8,454	1,754	10,438	43,488
34,504	354,245	1,28,408	0 5 9	951,116	4,09,646	0 6 11	2,86,709	18,848	2,571	9,557	1,628	12,737	22,593
40,381	263,255	1,49,836	0 9 1	760,637	5,85,028	0 12 4	4,33,847	39,405	...	966	2,621	16,431	24,481
21,898	168,073	50,883	0 4 10	269,634	78,735	0 4 8			...	1,160	378	2,886	1,592
240,594	1,224,959	9,69,923	0 12 8	3,959,384	36,92,842	0 14 11	24,26,334	4,40,567	14,739	35,420	13,876	121,519	4,32,026
18,006	248,582	2,46,681	0 15 11	875,828	10,13,301	1 2 6	7,60,745	1,69,769	4,320	1,017	2,834	39,402	2,30,149
25,757	330,467	3,52,379	1 1 0	1,219,677	16,98,842	1 6 2	13,32,987	2,56,939	...	16,260	2,390	49,639	2,20,371
97	506	575	1 2 2	770,554	4,99,278	0 10 4	4,85,571	30,372	11,406	6,488	3,547	19,970	67,114
...	...	...	...	123,118	43,859	0 5 8	39,985	1,102	1,153	2,615	445	2,224	2,726
26,202	154,834	1,63,840	1 0 11	470,661	5,37,575	1 2 3	4,95,473	31,044	2,160	1,029	2,446	17,135	73,588
22,778	141,146	1,03,449	0 11 9	277,887	2,32,545	0 13 5	1,75,354	29,668	1,545	411	791	8,232	15,360
40,681	159,879	1,81,874	1 2 1	364,528	4,48,439	1 3 8	4,22,885	23,083	1,148	352	4,658	16,953	63,313
10,949	53,788	56,083	1 0 9	105,486	1,33,919	1 4 4	1,18,780	6,231	980	69	1,325	5,638	38,388
143,843	1,089,202	11,04,881	1 0 2	4,207,739	46,07,748	1 1 6	38,31,780	5,48,208	22,692	28,241	18,436	159,193	7,11,009
71,647	480,279	4,07,412	0 13 7	1,159,211	9,88,538	0 13 8	9,11,953	79,656	9,129	17,549	12,863	20,053	34,666
41,743	518,013	1,74,672	0 5 5	787,640	2,43,069	0 5 0	2,22,861	3,752	8,060	23,746	6,928	13,891	15,889
92,338	331,611	2,57,293	0 12 5	942,022	6,84,824	0 11 8	6,82,483	27,876	15,561	13,934	5,588	26,551	26,639
53,209	398,941	1,75,838	0 7 0	551,225	2,57,297	0 7 6	2,35,824	9,722	4,982	9,637	4,282	22,547	12,276
41,361	304,669	2,75,149	0 14 5	892,949	7,85,965	0 14 1	7,30,470	37,290	8,919	8,286	10,795	22,805	39,794
13,437	159,723	89,032	0 8 11	373,227	1,71,172	0 7 4	1,69,305	2,473	4,568	1,548	2,552	15,344	23,725
313,235	2,193,236	1,13,79,396	0 10 0	4,706,274	31,30,865	0 10 8	29,52,896	1,60,769	51,159	74,700	43,008	121,194	1,52,989
911,936	6,698,889	53,76,122	0 12 10	17,031,211	1,56,24,866	0 14 8	1,20,86,163	15,91,931	124,690	171,831	103,842	520,705	16,12,726
892,696	6,576,960	52,84,896	0 12 11	16,998,239	1,53,18,437	0 14 5	1,25,12,446	20,90,612	135,404	171,691	102,684	527,116	14,84,887

STATEMENT B-(I).—Showing the progress made in the allotment of

Division.	District.	Total number of survey numbers, area and assessment in raiyatwari tract.			Previously allotted from commencement of settlement to the end of previous year.		
		Number of survey numbers.	Area.	Assessment.	Number of survey numbers.	Area.	Assessment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			Acres.	Rs.		Acres.	Rs.
	Saugor ...	1,506	8,398	6,115	1,155	5,893	5,097
	Damoh ...	2,163	16,704	9,191	1,705	12,024	7,335
JUBBULPORE ...	Jubbulpore ...	(a) 809	(a) 2,081	(a) 1,016	791	2,051	1,014
	Mandla ...	(b) 87,624	(b) 381,652	(b) 1,23,710	(b) 62,417	(b) 278,472	(b) 96,605
	Seoni ...	8,790	78,214	24,123	8,576	77,334	23,857
	Total ...	100,892	487,049	1,64,155	74,644	375,774	1,33,908
	Narsinghpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hoshangabad ...	1,693	23,695	7,370	1,568	21,156	6,959
NERBUDDA ...	Nimar ...	(c) 26,640	(c) 388,904	(c) 1,76,648	24,522	361,032	1,70,755
	Betul ...	6,128	64,339	9,894	5,740	59,534	9,414
	Chhindwara ...	(d) 3,165	(d) 31,682	(d) 7,971	2,784	28,899	7,246
	Total ...	37,626	508,620	2,01,883	34,614	470,621	1,94,374
	Wardha ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur ...	182	2,257	1,818	180	2,235	1,804
NAGPUR ...	Chanda ...	(e) 15,682	(e) 126,581	(e) 43,548	12,031	98,374	38,249
	Bhandara ...	275	2,223	678	212	1,535	532
	Balaghat ...	(d) 11,937	(d) 155,890	(d) 33,317	(d) 7,527	(d) 104,534	(d) 29,627
	Total ...	28,076	286,951	79,361	19,950	206,678	70,212
	Raipur ...	(f) 6,149	(f) 10,967	(f) 4,795	(f) 6,095	(f) 10,677	(f) 4,725
CHHATTISGARH ...	Bilaspur ...	753	1,515	840	748	1,474	826
	Drug ...	20	83	45	20	83	45
	Total ...	6,922	12,565	5,680	6,863	12,234	5,596
	GRAND TOTAL ...	173,516	1,295,185	4,51,079	136,071	1,065,307	4,04,090

(a) Last year's figures

(b) The decrease is due to the construction of 3 new roads and to some

(c) The difference is due to the conversion of

(d) The difference is due to

(e) The increase is due to the conversion

(f) The increase is due to the formation of new survey

waste lands during the year ending the 30th September 1918.

Available for allotment at commencement of year under report.			Allotted during the year under report.			Relinquished during the year under report.			Balance for allotment at the end of year under report.		
Number of survey numbers.	Area.	Assessment.	Number of survey numbers.	Area.	Assessment.	Number of survey numbers.	Area.	Assessment.	Number of survey numbers.	Area.	Assessment.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Acres.	Rs.		Acres.	Rs.		Acres.	Rs.		Acres.	Rs.
351	2,505	1,018	11	43	39	25	130	140	365	2,592	1,119
458	4,680	1,856	77	926	408	118	1,175	569	499	4,929	2,017
18	30	2	4	10	1	...	...	...	14	20	1
25,207	103,180	27,105	5,064	24,453	7,061	7,394	35,587	10,630	27,537	114,314	30,674
214	1,880	266	118	749	121	59	480	186	155	1,611	331
26,248	112,275	30,247	5,274	26,181	7,630	7,596	37,372	11,525	28,570	123,466	34,142
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
125	2,539	411	15	308	59	4	38	9	114	2,269	361
(a) 2,118	(a) 27,872	(a) 5,893	418	6,289	2,351	673	10,474	3,476	2,373	32,057	7,018
388	4,805	480	113	1,214	195	43	468	62	318	4,059	347
(d) 381	(d) 2,783	(d) 725	438	3,856	946	100	1,240	248	43	167	27
3,012	37,999	7,509	984	11,667	3,551	820	12,220	3,795	2,848	38,552	7,753
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	22	14	1	18	11	1	1	1	2	5	4
3,651	28,207	5,299	585	3,856	1,019	298	2,797	970	3,424	27,148	5,250
63	688	146	9	75	20	10	74	20	64	687	146
(d) 4,410	(d) 51,356	(d) 3,690	631	8,260	2,183	741	10,324	2,690	4,520	53,420	4,197
8,126	80,273	9,149	1,166	12,209	3,233	1,050	13,196	3,681	8,010	81,260	9,597
(f) 54	(f) 290	(f) 70	60	156	56	49	145	49	43	279	63
5	41	14	10	16	10	10	6	4	5	31	8
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
59	331	84	70	172	66	59	151	53	48	310	71
37,445	229,878	46,989	7,494	50,229	14,480	9,525	62,939	19,054	39,476	242,588	51,563

were incorrect.

survey numbers having been converted into Minhai area.

survey numbers into Minhai-area.

the revision of settlement.

of Minhai to Kabil-kast.

numbers in the Baloda Bazar tahsil since 1915-16.

STATEMENT B-(II).—Showing the area held by the several

Division.	District.	Total area included in occupied survey numbers.	Held by patels.			
			Number of holdings.	Area.	Revenue.	Rate per acre.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Acres.		Acres.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.
Jubbulpore	Saugor	6,070	24	811	721	0 14 3
	Damoh	12,637	51	1,379	868	0 10 1
	Jubbulpore	2,036	6	153	92	0 9 7
	Mandla	275,127	535	21,809	8,914	0 6 6
	Seoni	78,464	199	9,529	3,691	0 6 2
	Total	373,334	815	33,681	14,286	0 6 9
Nerbudda	Narsinghpur	...	...	...	...	...
	Hoshangabad	21,419	30	1,386	499	0 5 9
	Nimar	362,395	327	21,034	11,533	0 8 9
	Betul	61,304	78	4,012	754	0 3 0
	Chhindwara	29,039	68	2,645	807	0 4 11
	Total	474,157	503	29,077	13,593	0 7 6
Nagpur	Wardha	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur	2,252	7	402	347	0 13 0
	Chanda	99,433	180	7,319	2,790	0 6 1
	Bhandara	1,493	5	329	170	0 8 3
	Balaghat	106,051	297	11,364	4,930	0 6 11
	Total	209,229	489	19,414	8,237	0 6 9
Chhattisgarh	Raipur	10,894	25	1,103	462	0 6 8
	Bilaspur	1,494	6	163	84	0 8 3
	Drug	5,355	14	364	151	0 6 8
	Total	17,743	45	1,630	697	0 6 10
	GRAND TOTAL	1,074,463	1,852	83,802	36,813	0 7 8

classes of holders in Raiyatwari villages and the Revenue.

Held by Government raiyats.				Service grants.			Sub-let by patels.		Sub-let by raiyats.	
Number of holdings.	Area.	Revenue.	Rate per acre.	Number of holdings.	Area.	Revenue.	Area.	Rent.	Area.	Rent.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Acres.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.		Acres.	Rs.	Acres.	Rs.	Acres.	Rs.
569	5,259	4,466	0 13 7	...	...	...	28	30	820	696
957	10,100	5,390	0 8 6	23	158	96	200	159	849	952
222	1,867	894	0 7 8	2	16	5	17	24	281	729
17,247	247,380	90,941	0 5 11	404	5,938	2,106	260	95	4,657	2,256
3,661	68,359	22,312	0 5 3	42	576	180	670	147	4,443	3,039
22,656	332,965	1,24,003	0 5 11	471	6,688	2,387	1,175	455	11,050	7,672
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
799	19,963	5,021	0 4 0	4	70	3	98	86	617	448
14,363	338,455	1,58,094	0 7 6	166	2,906	1,316	851	1,780	9,233	17,473
2,503	56,764	9,575	0 2 8	35	528	63	...	...	...	...
1,400	26,339	7,124	0 4 4	4	55	12	107	49	1,639	439
19,065	441,521	1,79,814	0 6 6	209	3,559	1,394	1,056	1,915	11,489	18,360
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
125	1,850	1,467	0 12 8	...	...	...	...	...	12	50
6,778	91,495	35,296	0 6 2	50	619	212	204	243	4,722	7,178
74	1,164	352	0 4 10	...	...	...	4	...	6	...
8,045	93,657	36,397	0 6 3	71	1,030	7	1,146	1,090	4,110	2,505
15,022	188,166	73,512	0 6 3	121	1,649	219	1,354	1,333	8,850	9,733
838	9,791	4,398	0 7 2	...	...	...	6	20	101	222
142	1,299	733	0 9 0	5	32	11	23	9	70	50
496	4,991	2,342	0 7 6	...	...	...	5	...	77	25
1,476	16,081	7,473	0 7 4	5	32	11	34	29	248	297
58,219	978,733	3,84,802	0 6 3	806	11,928	4,011	3,619	3,732	31,637	36,862

STATEMENT C.—Showing financial results on account of Loans under the year ending the

(I).—LOANS

Division.	District.	State of Loans accounts (principal).					Recovery of		
		Total amount of loans outstanding at commencement of the year.	Amount sanctioned for distribution during the year.	Paid out during the year.	Collected or written-off during the year (columns 11, 12 and 13).	Balance of loans outstanding at close of the year.	Demand falling due for recovery during the year.	Arrear demand of principal.	Total demand on account of principal.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor ...	15,568	76,900	47,919	17,085	(a) 46,402	18,654	337	18,991
	Damoh ...	3,354	19,500	33,680	30,497	(b) 6,537	28,338	1,324	29,662
	Jubbulpore ...	16,333	1,14,000	64,880	27,698	53,515	20,312	7,892	28,204
	Mandla ...	14,483	16,374	16,374	9,214	21,643	9,134	544	9,678
	Seoni ...	(c) 15,915	39,800	36,028	1,144	(c) 50,799	872	...	872
	Total ...	65,653	2,66,574	1,98,881	85,638	1,78,896	77,310	10,097	87,407
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur ...	(f) 14,133	930	930	12,118	2,945	9,896	2,491	12,387
	Hoshangabad ...	51,273	1,18,849	1,18,849	2,606	1,67,516	40,320	7,205	47,525
	Nimar ...	31,614	61,000	60,240	2,879	88,975	25,624	2,151	27,775
	Betul ...	11,385	56,495	42,181	6,233	47,333	14,375	48	14,423
	Chhindwara ...	7,013	91,167	91,167	4,593	93,587	38,444	419	38,863
	Total ...	1,15,418	3,28,441	3,13,367	28,429	4,00,356	1,28,659	12,314	1,40,973
NAGPUR ...	Wardha ...	24,348	71,500	69,183	26,017	67,514	25,887	82	25,969
	Nagpur ...	(k) 16,149	62,000	64,057	9,273	70,933	9,656	3,445	13,101
	Chanda ...	34,924	58,990	50,213	18,593	(l) 66,544	21,201	...	21,201
	Bhandara ...	3,656	5,644	5,644	2,713	6,587	2,588	125	2,713
	Balaghat ...	692	1,805	1,805	489	2,008	489	...	489
	Total ...	79,769	1,99,939	1,90,902	57,085	2,13,586	59,821	3,652	63,473
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur ...	10,944	16,000	16,962	19,926	7,980	19,721	...	19,721
	Bilaspur ...	(m) 16,722	8,500	1,729	15,755	2,696	2,317	13,452	15,769
	Drug ...	16,285	14,000	6,677	19,404	3,558	19,403	...	19,403
	Total ...	43,951	38,500	25,368	55,085	14,234	41,441	13,452	54,893
	GRAND TOTAL ...	3,04,791	8,33,454	7,28,518	2,26,237	8,07,072	3,07,231	39,515	3,46,746

Agriculturists' Loans Act, XI of 1884, *in the districts of the Central Provinces for the 30th September* 1918.

WITH INTEREST.

principal.				Recovery of interest.			
Total collections on account of principal due.	Advance collections on account of principal which has not yet fallen due.	Principal written-off as irrecoverable.	Balance of demand on account of principal due for recovery.	Collection on account of interest during the year.	Interest written-off irrecoverable.	Rate of interest recovered on mean of loans outstanding at commencement and close of the year (*i.e.*, ½ column 3 *plus* column 7).	Remarks.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
17,079	6	...	1,912	1,331	...	4·20	(*a*) Includes Rs. 1,912 suspended.
28,530	1,813	154	978	1,220	18	24·60	(*b*) ,, ,, 368 ,,
19,285	190	(*d*) 8,223	1,787	1,013	...	2·80	(*c*) ,, ,, 12,068 ,,
8,870	344	...	808	923	...	5·10	
850	294	...	22	134	...	·04	(*d*) includes Rs. 1,091 not due for recovery during the year under report but remitted.
							(*e*) The increase of Rs. 135 is due to the refunding of the amount paid for tenants by malguzars
74,614	2,647	8,377	5,507	4,621	18	3·70	
12,118	...	...	269	906	...	10·61	(*f*) The increase of Re. 1 is due to misclassification.
2,536	70	...	(*g*) 44,989	445	...	·40	(*g*) Includes Rs. 44,826 suspended.
2,879	...	...	(*h*) 24,896	415	...	·68	(*h*) Includes Rs. 18,583 suspended.
5,863	370	...	(*i*) 8,560	561	...	1·91	
4,593	...	...	(*j*) 34,270	295	...	·58	(*i*) Includes Rs. 7,769 suspended.
							(*j*) Suspended.
27,989	440	...	1,12,984	2,622	...	1·02	
25,969	48	...	...	1,196	...	2·60	
9,273	...	...	3,828	758	...	1·74	(*k*) Last year's figure was wrong.
18,522	71	...	2,679	1,814	...	3·57	(*l*) Includes Rs. 2,634 suspended.
2,713	...	...	...	238	...	4·69	
489	...	...	...	40	...	2·96	
56,966	119	...	6,507	4,046	...	2·79	
19,721	205	...	...	912	...	9·60	
15,742	13	...	27	2,785	...	28·70	(*m*) The increase of Rs. 10 is due to wrong adjustments under this head.
19,403	1	...	...	1,321	...	12·31	
54,866	219	...	27	4,918	...	16·90	
2,14,435	3,425	8,377	1,25,025	16,207	18	2·91	

STATEMENT C.—Showing financial results on account of Loans under the Agriculturists' 30th September

2.—LOANS WITHOUT

Division.	District.	State of loans accounts (principal).					Recovery of		
		Total amount of loans outstanding at commencement of the year.	Amount sanctioned for distribution during the year.	Paid out during the year.	Collected or written off during the year (columns 11, 12 and 13).	Balance of loans outstanding at close of the year.	Demand falling due for recovery during the year.	Arrear demand of principal.	Total demand on account of principal.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Damoh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Jubbulpore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Mandla ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Seoni ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hoshangabad ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nimar ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Betul ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhindwara ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
NAGPUR ...	Wardha ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chanda ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bhandara ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Balaghat ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bilaspur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Drug ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	GRAND TOTAL ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Loans Act, XI of 1884, *in the districts of the Central Provinces for the year ending the* 1918.—(Concld.)

INTEREST.

principal.				Recovery of interest.			
Total collections on account of principal due.	Advance collections on account of principal which has not yet fallen due.	Principal written of as irrecoverable.	Balance of demand on account of principal due for recovery.	Collection on account of interest during the year.	Interest written-off as irrecoverable	Rate of interest recovered on mean of loans outstanding at commencement and close of the year (*i. e.*, ½ column 3 *plus* 7).	Remarks.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...

STATEMENT D.—Showing financial results on account of Loans under the Land Improvement Loans

·I.—LOANS WITH

Division.	District.	State of Loans accounts (principal).					Recovery of		
		Total amount of loans outstanding at commencement of the year.	Amount sanctioned for distribution during the year.	Paid out during the year.	Collected or written-off during the year (columns 11, 12 and 13).	Balance of loans outstanding at close of the year.	Demand falling due for recovery during the year.	Arrear demand of principal.	Total demand on account of principal.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor ...	36,980	2,000	1,691	12,007	(a) 26,664	13,032	497	13,529
	Damoh ...	1,03,657	3,000	...	27,526	(b) 76,131	26,421	2,538	28,959
	Jubbulpore ...	72,297	8,000	3,099	20,826	54,570	23,562	5,024	28,586
	Mandla ...	36,955	...	...	9,772	27,183	9,227	105	9,332
	Seoni ...	19,591	700	700	2,318	17,973	2,036	142	2,178
	Total ...	2,69,480	13,700	5,490	72,449	2,02,521	74,278	8,306	82,584
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur ...	10,814	...	...	5,251	5,563	5,206	275	5,481
	Hoshangabad ...	9,376	12,119	12,119	613	20,882	2,781	183	2,964
	Nimar ...	7,384	9,000	8,435	1,072	14,747	2,370	561	2,931
	Betul ...	4,374	10,876	6,077	2,036	8,415	2,344	...	2,344
	Chhindwara ...	14,379	1,200	1,200	2,557	13,022	5,820	658	6,478
	Total ...	46,327	33,195	27,831	11,529	62,629	18,521	1,677	20,198
NAGPUR ...	Wardha ...	860	2,000	1,840	480	2,220	480	...	480
	Nagpur ...	(g) 13,260	...	382	5,336	8,306	5,805	285	6,090
	Chanda ...	25,842	10,000	4,324	6,912	(f) 23,254	7,455	514	7,969
	Bhandara ...	(h) 49,038	1,529	1,529	12,940	37,627	9,491	3,519	13,010
	Balaghat ...	(h) 30,070	2,362	2,362	6,801	25,631	6,789	...	6,789
	Total ...	1,19,070	15,891	10,437	32,469	97,038	30,020	4,318	34,338
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur ...	60,424	6,500	1,000	45,220	16,204	44,755	196	44,951
	Bilaspur ...	1,07,915	8,000	...	54,802	53,113	36,115	18,613	54,728
	Drug ...	18,226	6,000	500	9,150	9,576	9,137	...	9,137
	Total ..	1,86,565	20,500	1,500	1,09,172	79,893	90,007	18,809	1,08,816
	GRAND TOTAL ...	6,21,442	83,286	45,258	2,25,619	4,41,081	2,12,826	33,110	2,45,936

INTEREST.

principal.				Recovery of interest.			
Total collections on account of principal due.	Advance collections on account of principal which has not yet fallen due.	Principal written off as irrecoverable.	Balance of demand on account of principal due for recovery.	Collection on account of interest during the year.	Interest written-off as irrecoverable.	Rate of interest recovered on mean of loans outstanding at commencement and close of the year (*i. e.*, ½ column 3 *plus* 7).	Remarks.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
11,965	42	...	1,564	2,225	...	6·90	(*a*) Includes Rs. 1,564 suspended.
26,815	711	...	2,144	6,489	...	7·20	(*b*) „ „ 470 „
19,844	982	...	8,742	3,203	...	5·00	
9,184	588	...	148	2,078	...	6·47	
2,010	308	...	168	237	...	·12	
69,818	2,631	...	12,766	14,232	...	6·00	
5,251	...	...	230	677	...	8·27	
613	...	...	(*c*) 2,351	279	...	1·84	(*c*) Includes Rs. 2,231 suspended.
942	130	...	(*d*) 1,989	170	...	1·53	(*d*) Includes Rs. 1,159 suspended.
2,036	...	...	(*e*) 308	261	...	4·08	(*e*) Includes Rs. 258 suspended.
2,497	60	...	(*f*) 3,981	760	...	5·55	(*f*) Suspended.
11,339	190	...	8,859	2,147	...	3·94	
480	...	...	...	56	...	3·63	
5,334	2	...	756	753	...	6·43	
6,839	73	...	1,130	1,232	...	5·02	(*g*) Last year's figure was wrong.
12,749	...	191	70	3,176	...	7·33	(*h*) Rs. 12,354 transferred from Bhandara to Balaghat owing to the formation of the Waraseoni Tahsil.
6,539	12	250	...	1,804	...	6·49	(*i*) Includes Rs. 1,069 suspended.
31,941	87	441	1,956	7,021	...	6·49	
44,951	269	...	...	3,914	...	10·20	
53,637	1,165	...	1,091	8,632	...	10·70	
9,137	13	...	...	1,089	...	7·30	
1,07,725	1,447	...	1,091	13,635	...	10·27	
2,20,823	4,355	441	24,672	37,035	...	6·97	

STATEMENT D.—Showing financial results on account of Loans under the Land Improvement *September*

Division.	District.	State of Loans accounts (principal).					Recovery of		
		Total amount of loans outstanding at commencement of the year.	Amount sanctioned for distribution during the year.	Paid out during the year.	Collected or written-off during the year (columns 11, 12 and 13).	Balance of loans outstanding at close of the year.	Demand falling due for recovery during the year.	Arrear demand of principal.	Total demand on account of principal.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Damoh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Jubbulpore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Mandla ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Seoni ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hoshangabad ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nimar ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Betul ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhindwara ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
NAGPUR ...	Wardha ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chanda ...	5,173	...	...	906	4,267	906	...	906
	Bhandara ...	120	...	...	120	...	120	...	120
	Balaghat ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	5,293	...	...	1,026	4,267	1,026	...	1,026
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bilaspur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Drug ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	GRAND TOTAL ...	5,293	...	...	1,026	4,267	1,026	...	1,026

Loans Act, XIX of 1883, *in the districts of the Central Provinces for the year ending the* 30*th* 1918.—(Concld.)

WITHOUT INTEREST.

principal.				Recovery of interest.			Remarks.
Total collections on account of principal due.	Advance collections on account of principal which has not yet fallen due.	Principal written-off as irrecoverable.	Balance of demand on account of principal due for recovery.	Collection on account of interest during the year.	Interest written-off as irrecoverable.	Rate of interest recovered on mean of loans outstanding at commencement and close of the year (*i. e.*, ½ column 3 *plus* column 7).	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
906	...	...	...	...	...	...	
120	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
1,026	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
1,026	...	...	...	...	...	...	

STATEMENT E.—Showing the alterations which have occurred in the Demand of Land Revenue on ther oll during the revenue year ending the 30th September 1918.

Division.	District.	Land revenue on roll on 1st October 1917.	Increase during the year.				Decrease during the year.			Net Result.		Land revenue on roll on the 1st October 1918.
			By revision of assessment.	By progressive assessment.	From any other cause.	Total of columns 4 to 6.	By revision of assessment.	From any other cause.	Total of columns 8 and 9.	Increase (column 7 *minus* column 10).	Decrease (column 10 *minus* column 7).	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Jubbulpore.	Saugor ...	8,05,592	...	22,560	3	22,563	...	280	280	22,283	...	8,27,875
	Damoh ...	4,64,174	...	...	...	...	...	180	180	...	180	4,63,994
	Jubbulpore ...	(a) 10,42,555	37	...	...	37	...	621	621	...	584	10,41,971
	Mandla ...	1,69,048	...	2,025	...	2,025	...	1	1	2,024	...	1,71,072
	Seoni ...	2,69,639	51,949	...	...	51,949	30	1	31	51,918	...	3,21,557
	Total ...	27,51,008	51,986	24,585	3	76,574	30	1,083	1,113	75,461	...	28,26,469
Nerbudda.	Narsinghpur ...	6,36,325	149	...	...	149	103	...	103	46	...	6,36,371
	Hoshangabad ...	7,89,546	1,17,439	...	...	1,17,439	...	1	1	1,17,438	...	9,06,984
	Nimar ...	4,29,291	...	1,615	1,447	3,062	...	1	1	3,061	...	4,32,352
	Betul ...	2,76,430	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	2,76,429
	Chhindwara ...	3,85,481	48,779	...	5	48,784	...	36	36	48,748	...	4,34,229
	Total ...	25,17,073	1,66,367	1,615	1,452	1,69,434	103	39	142	1,69,292	...	26,86,365
Nagpur.	Wardha ...	8,14,608	452	...	...	452	...	2	2	450	...	8,15,058
	Nagpur ...	13,58,585	...	...	864	864	...	90	90	774	...	13,59,359
	Chanda ...	3,29,295	...	...	86	86	...	81	81	5	...	3,29,300
	Bhandara ...	(b) 5,66,596	...	...	...	...	...	116	116	...	116	5,66,480
	Balaghat ...	(c) 4,29,819	18,368	...	3	18,371	...	74	74	18,297	...	4,48,116
	Total ...	34,98,903	18,820	...	953	19,773	...	363	363	19,410	...	35,18,313
Chhattisgarh.	Raipur ...	7,70,012	...	...	211	211	...	250	250	...	39	7,69,973
	Bilaspur ...	6,13,463	...	...	...	...	...	50	50	...	50	6,13,413
	Drug ...	6,49,312	...	...	16	16	...	186	186	...	170	6,49,142
	Total ...	20,32,787	...	...	227	227	...	486	486	...	259	20,32,528
	GRAND TOTAL ...	1,07,99,771	2,37,173	26,200	2,635	2,66,008	103	1,971	2,104	2,63,904	...	1,10,63,675

(*a*) Last year's figure was wrong.
(*b*) The difference is due to the transfer of villages to the Balaghat District in consequence of the formation of the new Waraseoni tahsil and also to the revision of settlement.
(*c*) The increase is due to the tansfer of villages from the Bhandara District and the revision of land revenue assessment and other causes.

STATEMENT F.—Showing Demand and Collections during the revenue year ending the 30th September 1918.

I (*a*).—Land Revenue on the Roll—Arrears.

Division.	District.	Demand.					Collections.	Balance.		
		Balance from previous year.	Remission during year.	Balance for collection.						
				Suspended.	Unsuspended.	Total.		Suspended	Unsuspended.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Jubbulpore.	Saugor	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Damoh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Jubbulpore	421	...	...	421	421	421	...	...	...
	Mandla	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Seoni	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	421	...	...	421	421	421	...	...	...
Nerbudda.	Narsinghpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hoshangabad	(*a*) 649	...	...	649	649	22	...	627	627
	Nimar	91	...	...	91	91	91	...	...	...
	Betul	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhindwara	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	740	...	...	740	740	113	...	627	627
Nagpur.	Wardha	45	...	...	45	45	45	...	...	...
	Nagpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chanda	48	...	...	48	48	48	...	...	...
	Bhandara	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Balaghat	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	93	...	...	93	93	93	...	...	...
Chhattisgarh.	Raipur	298	...	...	298	298	298	...	...	...
	Bilaspur	10	...	...	10	10	10	...	...	...
	Drug	991	...	991	...	991	991	...	...	...
	Total	1,299	...	991	308	1,299	1,299	...	...	...
	Grand Total	2,553	...	991	1,562	2,553	1,926	...	627	627

The increase of Rs. 24 is due to the inclusion of—
(*i*) Rs. 2 on account of the settlement of a malik-makbuza plot; and
(*ii*) Rs. 22 recovered from the amount ordered to be remitted.

STATEMENT F.—Showing Demand and Collections during the revenue year ending the 30th September 1918.—(Contd.)

PART I (*b*).—LAND REVENUE ON THE ROLL—CURRENT.

Division.	District.	Demand.						Collection.	Balance.			Collections in advance remaining to be adjusted at the close of the year.	Collected in advance on account of the following year.	Total collections in advance remaining to be adjusted.
		Demand according to kistbandi.	Abatement or remission granted during the year.	Suspension granted during the year.	Collected in advance during previous years and adjusted during the year.	Total deductions to be made (total of columns 4, 5 and 6).	Net demand for collection.		Suspended.	Unsuspended.	Total.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE.	Saugor	8,05,543	...	...	141	141	8,05,402	8,05,402	...	...	...	...	72	72
	Damoh	4,64,174	...	...	116	116	4,64,058	4,64,058	...	...	...	...	60	60
	Jubbulpore	10,42,555	...	...	214	214	10,42,341	10,42,341	...	...	...	...	1,379	1,379
	Mandla	1,69,048	...	...	120	120	1,68,928	1,68,878	...	50	50	...	300	300
	Seoni	(*a*) 3,21,558	1	...	(*b*) 357	358	3,21,200	3,21,200	...	...	...	...	438	438
	Total	28,02,878	1	...	948	949	28,01,929	28,01,879	...	50	50	...	2,249	2,249
NERBUDDA.	Narsinghpur	6,36,569	329	...	4	326	6,36,243	6,36,160	...	83	83	...	15	15
	Hoshangabad	8,22,028	...	3,42,191	18	3,42,209	4,79,819	4,78,851	1,42,191	968	3,43,159	10	236	236
	Nimar	4,29,291	...	31,407	15	31,422	3,97,869	3,92,597	31,407	5,272	36,679	...	291	291
	Betul	2,76,430	1	4,574	26	4,601	2,71,829	2,71,829	4,574	...	4,574	...	26	26
	Chhindwara	(*c*) 4,34,265	9	7,184	511	7,704	4,26,561	4,26,561	7,184	...	7,184	...	222	222
	Total	25,98,583	332	3,85,356	574	3,86,262	22,12,321	22,05,998	3,84,356	6,323	3,91,679	10	780	790
NAGPUR.	Wardha	(*d*) 8,15,038	...	39,323	47	39,370	7,75,668	7,75,668	39,323	...	39,323	...	871	871
	Nagpur	13,58,585	...	...	(*e*) ...	...	13,58,585	13,58,166	...	419	419	...	(*g*) 232	232
	Chanda	3,29,895	...	35,125	80	35,205	2,94,090	2,94,026	35,125	64	35,189	...	69	69
	Bhandara	5,66,596	...	...	(*f*) 12	12	5,66,584	5,65,628	...	956	956	...	34	34
	Balaghat	4,29,819	...	...	(*f*) 142	142	4,29,677	4,29,625	...	52	52	...	34	34
	Total	34,99,333	...	74,448	281	74,729	34,24,604	34,23,113	74,448	1,491	75,939	...	1,240	1,240
CHHATTISGARH.	Raipur	7,70,223	250	...	(*h*) 2,096	2,346	7,67,877	7,67,877	...	...	...	...	583	583
	Bilaspur	6,13,463	50	...	70	120	6,13,343	6,13,343	...	...	...	...	234	234
	Drug	6,49,290	133	...	288	421	6,48,869	6,48,813	...	56	56	...	125	125
	Total	20,32,976	433	...	2,454	2,887	20,30,089	20,30,033	...	56	56	...	942	942
	GRAND TOTAL	1,09,33,770	766	4,59,804	4,257	4,64,827	1,04,68,943	1,04,61,023	4,59,804	7,920	4,67,724	10	5,211	5,221

(*a*) The increase in the last year's figure is due to the revision of settlement of the district and also to the new settlement of two villages transferred from the Balaghat district.
(*b*) Excludes Rs. 230 refunded.
(*c*) The increase of Rs. 48,779 is due to the revision of settlement and Rs. 5 to muafi resumptions.
(*d*) The increase is due to muafi resumptions.
(*e*) Rs. 173 has been refunded.
(*f*) The decrease is due to transfer of villages to the Balaghat district.
(*g*) This amount has subsequently been refunded.
(*h*) The increase of Rs. 213 is due to remissions granted with retrospective effect from previous years.

STATEMENT F.—Showing Demand and Collections during the revenue year ending the 30th September 1918.—(Contd.)

PART II.—LAND REVENUE NOT ON THE ROLL.

Division.	District.	Demand.		Collected in advance during previous year.	Net demand (total of columns 3 and 4 *minus* column 5).	Collections.		Balance.		Collected in advance on account of the year following.
		Balance from previous year.	For year under report.			On account of previous year.	On account of year under report.	On account of previous year (column 3 *minus* column 7).	On account of year under report (column 4 *minus* total of columns 5 and 8).	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE.	Saugor ...	...	5,432	6	5,426	...	5,402	...	24	...
	Damoh ...	5	7,951	22	7,934	5	7,929	...	...	17
	Jubbulpore ...	...	2,532	...	2,532	...	2,532	...	...	...
	Mandla ...	...	1,03,778	23	1,03,755	...	1,03,258	...	497	17
	Seoni ...	36	28,262	(a) 25	28,273	36	28,237	...	...	43
	Total ...	41	1,47,955	76	1,47,920	41	1,47,358	...	521	77
NERBUDDA.	Narsinghpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hoshangabad ...	4	7,328	7	7,325	4	2,662	...	(c) 4,659	...
	Nimar ...	(b) 648	1,69,271	21	(b) 1,69,898	648	78,964	...	(d) 90,286	11,103
	Betul ...	...	10,322	1	10,321	...	10,169	...	(e) 152	15
	Chhindwara ...	...	7,943	3	7,940	...	7,871	...	69	5
	Total ...	652	1,94,864	32	1,95,484	652	99,666	...	95,166	11,123
NAGPUR.	Wardha ...	...	1,787	...	1,787	...	1,298	...	489	...
	Nagpur ...	...	4,987	...	4,987	...	4,965	...	22	...
	Chanda ...	(f) 142	46,435	24	46,553	141	40,031	1	6,380	38
	Bhandara ...	(g) 95	1,10,270	...	1,10,365	79	1,10,259	16	11	...
	Balaghat ...	22	42,010	...	42,032	21	41,963	1	47	4
	Total ...	259	2,05,489	24	2,05,724	241	1,98,516	18	6,949	42
CHHATTISGARH.	Raipur ...	8	5,046	...	5,054	8	5,046	...	...	...
	Bilaspur ...	(h) 1,055	1,824	1	2,878	7	1,166	1,048	657	2
	Drug ...	...	2,539	10	2,529	...	2,529	...	...	1
	Total ...	1,063	9,409	11	10,461	15	8,741	1,048	657	3
	GRAND TOTAL ...	2,015	5,57,717	143	5,59,589	949	4,54,281	1,066	1,03,293	11,245

(a) Excludes Rs. 18 refunded.
(b) ,, Rs. 279 remitted.
(c) Suspended.
(d) Includes Rs. 86,201 suspended.
(e) ,, Rs. 40 suspended.
(f) Last year's figure was wrong.
(g) The increase is due to the recovery of arrears of 3 years' revenue of a muafi plot resumed.

STATEMENT F.—Showing Demand and Collections during the revenue year ending the 30th September 1918.—(Contd.)

PART III.—CESSES ASSESSED ON THE LAND REVENUE.

Division.	District.	Demand.		Collected in advance during previous year.	Net demand.	Collections.		Balance.		Collected in advance on account of the year following.
		Balance from previous year.	For year under report.			On account of previous year.	On account of year under report.	On account of previous year.	On account of year under report.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor ...	...	46,998	22	46,976	...	46,976	...	...	15
	Damoh ...	...	27,222	...	27,222	...	27,222	...	...	1
	Jubbulpore ...	190	61,562	11	61,741	190	61,551	...	...	89
	Mandla ...	...	15,437	2	15,435	...	15,432		3	6
	Seoni ...	...	20,334	(a) 8	20,326	...	20,326	...	...	7
	Total ...	190	1,71,553	43	1,71,700	190	1,71,507	...	3	118
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur ...	...	35,752	7	35,745	...	35,745	...	...	...
	Hoshangabad ...	36	48,563	10	48,589	...	38,706	36	(d) 9,847	30
	Nimar ...	(b) 7	40,403	(c) 1	40,409	7	32,622	...	(e) 7,780	749
	Betul ...	...	15,897	40	15,857	...	15,703	...	(f) 154	27
	Chhindwara ...	...	30,021	64	29,957	...	29,838	...	(g) 119	9
	Total ...	43	1,70,636	122	1,70,557	7	1,52,614	36	17,900	815
NAGPUR ...	Wardha ...	...	47,595	143	47,452	...	45,146	...	2,306	153
	Nagpur ...	...	81,973	(h) 9	81,964	...	81,946	...	18	25
	Chanda ...	1	23,579	2	23,578	1	21,524	...	2,053	37
	Bhandara ...	...	32,445	(i) 1	32,444	...	32,392	...	52	3
	Balaghat ...	1	28,672	(i) 9	28,664	1	28,658	...	5	8
	Total ...	2	2,14,264	164	2,14,102	2	2,09,666	...	4,434	226
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur ...	9	49,213	(k) 136	49,086	9	49,077	...	...	30
	Bilaspur ...	(j) ...	41,308	15	41,293	...	41,293	...	...	13
	Drug ...	...	40,224	1	40,223	...	40,223	...	...	14
	Total ...	9	1,30,745	152	1,30,602	9	1,30,593	...	...	57
	GRAND TOTAL ...	244	6,87,198	481	6,86,961	208	6,64,380	36	22,337	1,216

(a) Excludes Rs. 5 refunded.
(b) „ Rs. 11 remitted.
(c) Last year's figure of Rs. 4 was wrong.
(d) Includes Rs. 9,846 suspended.
(e) „ Rs. 7,176 suspended.
(f) „ Rs. 2 suspended.
(g) Suspended.
(h) The difference of Re. 1 is due to fractions of a rupee not taken into account.
(i) The decrease is due to transfer of villages to the Balaghat district.
(j) Last year's figure was wrong.
(k) The increase is due to remissions sanctioned from previous year.

STATEMENT F.—Showing Demand and Collections during the revenue year ending the 30th September 1918.—(Concld.).

PART IV.—MISCELLANEOUS LAND REVNUE.

Division.	District.	Demand.		Collected in advance during previous year.	Net demand (total of columns 3 and 4 *minus* column 5).	Collections.		Balance.		Collected in advance on account of the year following.
		Balance from previous year.	For year under report.			On account of previous year.	On account of year under report.	On account of previous year (column 3 *minus* column 7).	On account of year under report (column 4 *minus* total of columns 5 and 8).	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE.	Saugor ...	22	2,996	...	3,018	22	2,996	..	...	...
	Damoh ...	...	2,103	...	2,103	...	2,103	...	...	...
	Jubbulpore ...	...	20,358	...	20,358	...	20,358	...	...	...
	Mandla ...	...	592	...	592	...	592	...	...	...
	Seoni ...	...	1,352	...	1,352	...	1,352	...	...	...
	Total ...	22	27,401	...	27,423	22	27,401	...	...	...
NERBUDDA.	Narsinghpur ...	7,779	19,882	...	27,661	7,779	10,954	...	8,928	...
	Hoshangabad ...	84	2,279	...	2,363	84	2,146	...	133	102
	Nimar ...	...	4,988	...	4,988	...	3,725	...	(a) 1,263	...
	Betul ...	...	2,437	100	2,337	...	2,337	...	...	327
	Chhindwara ...	...	26,891	...	26,891	...	26,891	...	...	...
	Total ...	7,863	56,477	100	64,240	7,863	46,053	...	10,324	429
NAGPUR.	Wardha ...	330	5,126	7	5,449	324	5,077	6	42	...
	Nagpur ...	191	42,837	...	43,028	109	42,662	82	175	...
	Chanda ...	1,165	20,690	...	21,855	1,165	20,268	...	422	...
	Bhandara ...	(b) 11,596	11,754	...	23,350	11,596	11,678	...	76	43
	Balaghat ...	...	58,426	...	58,426	...	58,426	...	...	...
	Total ...	13,282	1,38,833	7	1,52,108	13,194	1,38,111	88	715	43
CHHATTISGARH.	Raipur ...	92	4,668	66	4,694	92	4,596	...	6	...
	Bilaspur ...	(c) 407	3,692	...	4,099	239	3,524	168	168	...
	Drug ...	...	1,301	..	1,301	...	1,301	...	...	...
	Total ...	499	9,661	66	10,094	331	9,421	168	174	...
	GRAND TOTAL ...	21,666	2,32,372	173	2,53,865	21,410	2,20,986	256	11,213	472

(a) Includes Rs. 1,260 suspended. (b) Excludes Rs. 169 ordered not to be recovered. (c) Last year's figure was wrong.

STATEMENT G.—Showing Coercive processes used in collection of Land Revenue under ending the 30th

Division.	District.	Notice of demand under Section 127.			Arrest under Section 128 (*a*).		
		Total number of mahals in District.	Number of notices of demand issued.	Amount of revenue involved.	Number of defaulters brought to district or Tahsil Head-quarters under a warrant of arrest.	Number of defaulters imprisoned in Civil Jail.	Amount of revenue involved.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
				Rs.			Rs.
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor ...	2,252	87	19,864	17	...	11,045
	Damoh ...	1,459	5	860	4	...	1,380
	Jubbulpore ...	2,570	77	44,412	70	1	24,609
	Mandla ...	(*a*) 2,012	41	3,397	...	...	...
	Seoni ...	(*b*) 1,727	42	14,388	9	...	1,322
	Total ..	10,020	252	82,921	100	1	38,356
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur ...	1,309	42	9,300	...	...	...
	Hoshangabad ...	(*c*) 1,488	140	24,172	2	...	429
	Nimar ...	811	70	14,116	3	...	1,044
	Betul ...	(*d*) 1,220	53	10,007	1	...	302
	Chhindwara ...	1,415	50	11,892	7	..	1,196
	Total ...	6,243	355	69,487	13	...	2,971
NAGPUR ...	Wardha ...	1,505	15	6,303	3	...	2,041
	Nagpur ...	2,449	...	...	39	1	15,768
	Chanda	1,705	72	8,731	8	...	5,189
	Bhandara ...	2,106	4	3,785	1	...	134
	Balaghat ..	1,655	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	9,820	91	18,819	51	1	23,132
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur ...	2,158	87	22,488	1	...	129
	Bilaspur ...	2,116	79	13,543	40	...	11,375
	Drug ..	1,720	30	3,651	...	...	...
	Total ...	5,994	196	39,682	41	...	11,504
	GRAND TOTAL ...	32,077	894	2,10,909	205	2	75,963

(*a*) The decrease is due to the transfer
(*b*) The decrease is due to the revision of settle-
(*c*) The difference is due to the revision
(*d*) Last year's figure

Sections 127 *and* 128 *of the Central Provinces Land Revenue Act,* 1917, *during the revenue year September* 1918.

Attachments and sale of property under Section 128 (*b*).				Attachment, transfer, or sale of Estate in respect of which arrear accrued, or of other immoveable property belonging to defaulter, Section 128 (*c*), (*d*), (*e*), (*f*) and (*g*).					Remarks.
Number of attachments ordered.	Number of attachments effected.	Number of sales carried out.	Amount of revenue involved.	Number of estates, mahals or shares attached and held under management [clause (*c*)].	Number of estates and shares transfered [clause (*d*)].	Number of estates and mahals the settlement of which was annulled [clause (*e*)].	Number of estates, mahals or shares or properties sold [clauses (*f*) and (*g*)[.	Amount of revenue involved.	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			Rs.					Rs.	
339	94	4	1,11,279	...	...	...	...	...	
336	64	3	68,490	...	...	...	...	...	
90	25	...	26,681	...	...	...	...	...	
101	3	...	10,313	...	...	...	...	...	
393	34	4	55,620	...	...	...	...	...	
1,259	220	11	2,72,383	...	...	...	...	...	
80	22	3	22,327	1	...	...	...	127	
144	30	...	25,751	...	...	...	...	...	
67	13	...	15,218	3	...	...	...	559	
102	9	...	13,691	...	...	...	...	...	
245	58	...	55,927	...	...	...	...	...	
638	132	3	1,32,914	4	...	...	...	686	
113	44	4	54,689	...	...	...	...	...	
238	102	10	85,083	...	...	...	...	...	
250	30	1	20,661	...	...	...	...	...	
103	17	...	25,531	2	...	...	...	1,267	
152	16	...	30,089	...	...	...	...	...	
856	209	15	2,16,053	2	...	...	...	1,267	
210	37	...	51,139	...	...	...	...	...	
315	37	...	48,970	...	...	...	...	...	
199	23	...	39,342	...	...	...	...	...	
724	97	...	1,39,451	...	...	...	...	...	
1,477	658	29	7,59,801	6	...	...	...	1,953	

of one mahal to the Forest Department.
ment and to the amalgamation of the village of Deori Banjar with Deori Malguzari.
of settlement.
was wrong.

STATEMENT H.—Showing the extent and amount of Land Revenue

Division.	District.	For maintenance of public			
		No.	Area.	Reve	
				Assessable.	Realizable.
1	2	3	4	5	6
			Acres.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor	15	80	31	4
	Damoh	28	158	96	...
	Jubbulpore	...	...	...	...
	Mandla	404	5,938	2,106	...
	Seoni	40	580	181	...
	Total ...	487	6,756	2,414	4
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur	...	...	...	...
	Hoshangabad	...	...	...	...
	Nimar	165	(c) 2,870	1,287	...
	Betul	...	...	...	...
	Chhindwara	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	165	2,870	1,287	...
NAGPUR ...	Wardha	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur	...	...	...	...
	Chanda	...	...	...	...
	Bhandara	...	...	...	...
	Balaghat	...	...	...	...
	Total ..	...	...	...	...
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur	...	...	...	...
	Bilaspur	...	...	...	...
	Drug	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	...	...	...
	GRAND TOTAL ...	652	9,626	3,701	4

Assignments existing at the end of the revenue year ending the 30th September 1918.

servants.	On other grounds.					
nue.			Revenue.			Remarks.
Assigned.	No.	Area.	Assessable.	Realizable.	Assigned.	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Rs.		Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
27	536	70,373	32,705	1,272	31,433	
96	89	107,518	30,113	8,574	21,539	
...	324	(*a*) 252,766	96,801	(*a*) 38,207	58,594	(*a*) The decrease is due to resumption of muafi plots.
2,106	40	19,023	5,668	2,194	3,474	
181	(*b*) 110	(*b*) 150,305	29,556	(*b*) 5,596	(*b*) 23,960	(*b*) The increase is due to revision of settlement.
2,410	1,099	599,985	1,94,843	55,843	1,39,000	(*c*) Last year's figure was wrong.
...	150	31,547	13,205	4,139	9,066	
...	78	65,771	48,901	4,128	44,773	
1,287	1,224	187,042	88,155	5,394	82,761	
...	80	20,343	3,715	1,957	1,758	
...	285	92,663	35,888	24,197	12,716	
1,287	1,817	397,356	1,89,864	39,815	1,51,074	
...	271	77,145	58,712	21,229	37,483	
...	676	215,466	1,23,854	52,606	72,248	
...	553	156,367	36,256	19,501	16,755	
...	99	51,433	17,990	8,152	9,838	
...	76	2,433	1,315	673	642	
...	1,675	502,844	2,38,127	1,02,161	1,36,966	
...	41	50,433	14,228	14,111	117	
...	33	27,693	11,554	2,025	9,529	
...	19	13,284	5,038	208	4,830	
...	93	91,410	30,820	16,344	14,476	
3,697	4684	1,590,805	6,53,654	2,14,163	4,40,516	

STATEMENT J.—Showing mutations in possession of proprietary rights and interests in land Act during the revenue year ending

Division.	District.	Private sales.			
		Number of mahals or shares in mahals.	Area.	Land revenue assessed or assessable.	Consideration money.
1	2	3	4	5	6
		No.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE	Saugor	112	16,272	4,860	1,08,559
	Damoh	104	9,478	3,547	71,888
	Jubbulpore	177	50,473	19,392	3,66,208
	Mandla	42	22,689	2,105	81,148
	Seoni	85	21,680	4,366	2,50,531
	Total	520	120,592	34,270	8,78,334
NERBUDDA	Narsinghpur	33	7,527	3,958	95,772
	Hoshangabad	27	13,451	9,182	1,53,789
	Nimar	71	11,619	4,664	96,703
	Betul	47	11,672	3,298	62,097
	Chhindwara	152	20,733	4,910	1,72,244
	Total	330	65,002	26,012	5,80,605
NAGPUR	Wardha	180	11,591	6,707	1,92,029
	Nagpur	155	15,253	10,257	2,36,304
	Chanda	57	7,932	1,569	42,828
	Bhandara	81	6,265	1,859	73,165
	Balaghat	55	7,260	3,638	83,366
	Total	528	48,301	24,030	6,27,692
CHHATTISGARH	Raipur	78	25,311	5,832	2,94,864
	Bilaspur	131	21,641	5,529	3,20,544
	Drug	128	17,769	6,799	3,02,718
	Total	337	64,721	18,160	9,18,126
	GRAND TOTAL	1,715	298,616	1,02,472	30,04,757

STATEMENT K.—Showing progress made in disposal of Partition Cases

Division.	District.	Number pending at beginning of year.	Number instituted during the year.	Total.	Number adjusted, withdrawn, or struck off in default, &c.	Number disposed of by actual partition.
1.	2	3	4	5	6	7
JUBBULPORE	Saugor	28	15	43	15	12
	Damoh	10	7	17	...	10
	Jubbulpore	5	7	12	7	4
	Mandla	7	6	13	10	...
	Seoni	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	50	35	85	32	26
NERBUDDA	Narsinghpur	7	6	13	5	...
	Hoshangabad	7	8	15	3	3
	Nimar	10	17	27	12	8
	Betul	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhindwara	10	25	35	6	5
	Total	34	56	90	26	16
NAGPUR	Wardha	14	27	41	15	14
	Nagpur	31	22	53	15	29
	Chanda	6	10	16	7	3
	Bhandara	...	1	1	...	1
	Balaghat	10	40	50	19	16
	Total	61	100	161	56	63
CHHATTISGARH	Raipur	13	20	33	7	10
	Bilaspur	14	22	36	17	7
	Drug	34	26	60	18	23
	Total	61	68	129	42	40
	GRAND TOTAL	206	259	465	156	145

due to sale or mortgage or lease, as registered under Section 47 of the Central Provinces Land Revenue the 30th September 1918.

Sale by order of Court in foreclosure or in execution of decrees.				Mortgage with possession and transfers by virtue of leases.			
Number of mahals or shares in mahals.	Area.	Land Revenue assessed or assessable.	Consideration money.	Number of mahals or shares in mahals.	Area.	Land revenue assessed or assessable.	Consideration money.
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.		Acres.	Rs.	Rs.
24	3,637	3,799	14,087	31	12,025	4,672	7,335
18	2,780	1,061	8,898	7	2,409	431	2,541
35	11,002	3,197	35,615	24	4,473	2,405	21,647
...	1,896	324	2,460	1	669	130	2,000
15	4,016	934	38,496	1	419	60	1,800
92	23,331	9,315	99,556	64	19,995	7,698	35,323
8	939	583	21,438	1	73	94	3,700
7	2,631	1,807	33,710	5	1,592	906	18,200
11	1,877	1,013	10,641	13	8,588	3,474	12,450
17	9,232	1,354	58,977	11	1,688	230	2,968
15	3,923	1,089	27,569	...	...	...	...
58	18,602	5,846	1,52,335	30	11,941	4,704	37,318
34	5,193	2,492	21,705	6	651	424	8,549
11	1,860	3,919	89,585	11	779	858	20,070
25	6,092	950	19,533	2	469	24	597
18	1,257	308	12,815	5	1,869	795	3,200
10	3,104	1,250	7,075	...	...	...	...
98	17,506	8,919	1,50,713	24	3,768	2,101	32,416
13	4,691	1,547	16,607	4	1,149	355	4,490
18	4,393	878	28,682	...	...	...	...
6	541	226	3,314	...	...	...	...
37	9,625	2,651	48,603	4	1,149	355	4,490
288	69,064	26,731	4,51,207	122	36,853	14,858	1,09,547

under the Land Revenue Act during the revenue year ending the 30th September 1918.

Total of columns 6 and 7.	Number pending at close of year.	Date of institution of oldest case pending.	Details of partitions effected during year.			Remarks.
			Number of mahals formerly.	Number of mahals now.	Area partitioned.	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
					Acres.	
27	16	31st May 1917 ...	19	35	110 55	
10	7	30th April 1918 ..	24	54	7,950	
11	1	10th January 1918 ...	19	43	8,987	
10	3	18th July 1917 ...	...	...	..	
...	...	...	...	...	...	
58	27	...	62	132	27,992	
5	8	15th March 1917 ...	...	..	...	
6	9	20th October 1916 ...	...	...	...	
20	7	18th February 1918 ...	8	25	10,700	
...	...	...	...	...	..	
11	24	12th May 1917 ...	5	21	6,331	
42	48	...	13	46	17,031	
29	12	22ndOctober 1917 ..	8	28	6,822	
44	9	3rd December 1917 ..	37	92	22,228	
10	6	18th December 1916..	3	9	2,798	
1	...	...	1	2	59	
35	15	4th October 1917 ...	16	30	9,470	
119	42	..	65	161	41,377	
17	16	14th May 1917 ...	9	23	12,973	
24	12	19th August 1915 ..	8	18	8,662	
41	19	7th December 1916 ..	12	68	21,788	
82	47	...	29	109	43,423	
301	164	...	169	348	129,823	

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT L.—*Showing work under certain heads of Revenue Business during the revenue year ending the 30th September 1918.*

Heads of Business.	Division.	Number of cases.			Particulars of disposal.		
		Pending at commencement of year.	Instituted during year	Disposed of during year.	Withdrawn, compromised or referred to Civil Court.	Rejected in default as time-barred or after inquiry.	Decided wholly or partially in favour of applicants.
Land Revenue Act.							
I.—Enquiries into the claims of thekadars to protected status under Section 107.	Jubbulpore ...	2	4	3	1	1	1
	Nerbudda ...	...	1	1	...	...	1
	Nagpur ...	...	..	...	...	..	...
	Chhattisgarh ...	7	30	24	1	22	1
	Total ...	9	35	28	2	23	3
II.—Application by sadar-lambardar or lambardar for recovery of an arrear (Section 157).	Jubbulpore ...	19	125	118	7	37	74
	Nerbudda ...	11	109	81	15	25	41
	Nagpur ...	22	317	321	16	109	196
	Chhattisgarh ..	4	20	23	1	7	15
	Total ...	56	561	543	39	178	326
Tenancy Act.							
III.—Application by tenant to deposit rent (Section 8).	Jubbulpore ..	1	15	15	...	2	13
	Nerbudda ..	3	56	57	2	14	41
	Nagpur ...	1	25	24	3	11	10
	Chhattisgarh ..	...	222	219	5	17	197
	Total ...	5	318	315	10	44	261
IV.—Application by tenant for imposing penalty on landlord for levying anything in excess of rent legally payable (Section 10).	Jubbulpore ...	9	23	30	4	12	14
	Nerbudda ...	...	4	4	1	1	2
	Nagpur ..	2	15	16	1	4	11
	Chhattisgarh ..	3	15	14	1	5	8
	Total ...	14	57	64	7	22	35
V.—Application by tenant for imposing penalty on landlord for refusing to grant receipt for rent paid (Section 12).	Jubbulpore ...	4	22	23	6	9	8
	Nerbudda ...	..	15	14	3	7	4
	Nagpur ...	5	20	21	3	16	2
	Chhattisgarh ..	1	6	6	1	5	...
	Total ...	10	53	64	13	37	14
VI.—Application by landlord to enhance rent because of improvements made by him (Section 13).	Jubbulpore ...	...	1	1	...	...	1
	Nerbudda ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	6	4	1	3	...
	Total ..	...	7	5	1	3	1
VII.—Application by tenant to have rent reduced owing to effect of improvement having ceased (Section 14).	Jubbulpore ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nerbudda ..	...	...	...	..	...	...
	Nagpur ..	...	2	2	...	1	1
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ..	...	2	2	...	1	1
VIII.—Application to enhance, alter or commute rent (Sections 15 to 17).	Jubbulpore ..	...	2	2	...	1	1
	Nerbudda ...	1	17	18	...	2	16
	Nagpur ..	...	20	20	...	1	19
	Chhattisgarh ..	...	407	406	...	...	406
	Total ..	1	446	446	...	4	442
IX.—Application by tenant against landlord for illegally distraining produce for holding (Section 30).	Jubbulpore ...	...	1	...	...	...	...
	Nerbudda ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur ...	..	1	1	1	...	...
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	...	...	...	.	...
	Total ...	...	2	1	1	...	...
X.—Application by landlord against person removing produce after service of distraint notice (Section 30).	Jubbulpore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nerbudda ..	...	1	...	..	..	...
	Nagpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhattisgarh ..	...	1	1	1		...
	Total ..	...	2	1	1	...	...
XI.—Application to be placed in possession of surrendered occupancy holding (Section 36).	Jubbulpore ..	2	14	12	4	3	5
	Nerbudda ..	12	32	32	7	17	8
	Nagpur ..	11	58	53	11	21	21
	Chhattisgarh ..	3	9	10	2	3	5
	Total ...	28	113	107	24	44	39
XII.—Application to transfer *sir* land [Section 45 (2)].	Jubbulpore ...	36	145	171	14	65	92
	Nerbudda ..	16	130	118	9	52	57
	Nagpur ..	(a) 54	173	203	26	71	106
	Chhattisgarh ...	34	69	84	1	31	52
	Total ...	140	517	576	50	219	307

(a) Last year's figure was wrong.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT L.—Showing work under certain heads of Revenue Business during the revenue year ending 30th September 1918.—(Concld.)

Heads of Business.	Division.	Number of cases.			Particulars of disposal.		
		Pending at commencement of year.	Instituted during year.	Disposed of during year.	Withdrawn, compromised or referred to Civil Court.	Rejected in defaul as time barred or after inquiry.	Decided wholly or partially in favour applicants.
XIII.—Application to set aside transfer made by occupancy tenant (Section 47).	Jubbulpore	(a)9	31	33	6	20	7
	Nerbudda	32	36	55	11	36	8
	Nagpur	6	53	43	5	26	12
	Chhattisgarh	24	106	101	15	64	22
	Total	71	226	232	37	146	49
XIV.—Application to enhance rent of occupancy tenants (Section 51).	Jubbulpore	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nerbudda	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhattisgarh	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	...	...	...	...	...	...
XV.—Declaration of sub-tenants to have rights of ordinary tenants (Section 61).	Jubbulpore	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nerbudda	...	7	3	2	1	...
	Nagpur	...	3	3	...	3	...
	Chhattisgarh	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	...	10	6	2	4	...
XVI.—Service of notice of enhancement on ordinary tenant (Section 64).	Jubbulpore	6	38	44	2	4	38
	Nerbudda	1	10	11	...	2	9
	Nagpur	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhattisgarh	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	7	48	55	2	6	47
XVII.—Application by landlord for ejectment of tenants in default of agreeing to enhancement [Section 65 (2)].	Jubbulpore	...	3	3	...	3	...
	Nerbudda	...	9	8	...	5	3
	Nagpur	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhattisgarh	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	...	12	11	...	8	3
XVIII.—Application to set aside transfer made by ordinary tenant (Section 71).	Jubbulpore	3	25	24	3	17	4
	Nerbudda	...	20	16	1	14	1
	Nagpur	1	8	9	...	4	5
	Chhattisgarh	34	80	95	8	68	19
	Total	38	133	144	12	103	29
XIX.—Application to confer occupancy rights and to fix rent of holding for purposes of Section 73.	Jubbulpore	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nerbudda	...	4	2	...	...	2
	Nagpur	...	...	..	...	...	...
	Chhattisgarh	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	...	4	2	...	...	2
XX.—Fixation of fair rent on a reference by the Civil Court (Section 78).	Jubbulpore	...	7	2	...	1	1
	Nerbudda	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhattisgarh	...	1	1	...	1	...
	Total	...	8	3	...	2	1
XXI.—Application for execution of decree by ejectment of tenant (Sections 82 and 85).	Jubbulpore	90	460	459	40	102	317
	Nerbudda	108	396	385	21	59	305
	Nagpur	81	620	595	85	176	334
	Chhattisgarh	36	181	191	65	41	85
	Total	315	1,657	1,630	211	378	1,041
XXII.—Application by tenant for reinstatement after illegal ejectment (Section 92).	Jubbulpore	17	121	118	27	60	31
	Nerbudda	4	52	45	9	24	12
	Nagpur	2	62	56	6	25	25
	Chhattisgarh	10	52	72	10	42	20
	Total	33	297	291	52	151	88

(a) Last year's figure was wrong.

STATEMENT M.—Showing principal Suits between Landlords and Tenants under the Central
ending the 30th

Division.	District.	Suits for arrears			
		Number disposed of during the year.			Number
		Compromised.	Decreed for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Decreed for defendant or dismissed in default.	Executed by sale of distrained produce.
1	2	3	4	5	6
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor	13	559	88	4
	Damoh	16	444	117	...
	Jubbulpore	64	889	194	...
	Mandla	9	146	41	...
	Seoni	17	315	26	...
	Total ...	119	2,353	466	4
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur	62	551	101	...
	Hoshangabad	94	711	118	...
	Nimar	29	324	170	3
	Betul	26	155	28	...
	Chhindwara	38	422	48	1
	Total ..	249	2,163	465	4
NAGPUR ...	Wardha	61	997	195	244
	Nagpur	74	1,684	215	335
	Chanda	18	252	42	...
	Bhandara	32	426	66	45
	Balaghat	36	234	52	...
	Total ..	221	3,593	570	624
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur	61	349	89	...
	Bilaspur	17	123	58	...
	Drug	10	158	84	...
	Total ...	88	630	231	...
	GRAND TOTAL ...	677	8,739	1,732	632

Provinces Tenancy Act, in the districts of the Central Provinces during the revenue year September 1918.

of rent.			Suits for ejectment of tenants on the ground that the holding consists entirely of *sir* land or under Section 52 (*b*).			Suits by tenants for recovery of possession.		
of decrees.			Number disposed of during the year.			Number disposed of during the year.		
Transferred to Collector under Section 84.		Transferred to Revenue Officer under Section 85.	Compromised.	Decreed for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Decreed for defendant or dismissed in default.	Compromised.	Decreed for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Decreed for defendant or dismissed in default.
Total number transferred.	Number in which sale held by collector during the year.							
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
5	7	150	1	3	...	1	4	6
17	7	52	...	...	...	...	3	4
33	...	146	...	...	...	2	1	10
...	...	44	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	...	70	...	3	2	2	4	2
57	14	462	1	6	2	5	12	22
30	...	70	...	1	2	...	...	...
52	7	192	1	...	1	...	3	2
...	...	68	..	...	...	...	19	11
...	...	31	...	3	...	...	...	3
...	...	46	...	2	2	...	7	2
82	7	407	1	6	5	...	29	18
15	...	164	...	...	...	...	5	5
86	4	370	3	4	1	...	...	1
5	...	56	...	...	...	7	6	3
8	...	76	...	19	7	...	6	4
...	...	22	2	1	2	4	7	7
114	4	688	5	24	10	11	24	20
...	...	116	33	33	14	9	11	19
...	...	22	3	3	8	...	7	11
...		53	...	1	1	1	8	11
...	...	191	36	37	23	10	26	41
253	25	1,748	43	73	40	26	91	101

STATEMENT N.—Giving details of land sold by Collector under precept from Civil

Division.	District.	Number of sales ordered by civil courts.			Number of cases in which sale has been averted by payment of claim.	Number of cases in which sale has been averted by temporary alienation.
		Pending at close of preceding year.	During the year.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Jubbulpore ...	Saugor	101	163	264	41	...
	Damoh	53	104	157	31	...
	Jubbulpore	42	222	264	80	11
	Mandla	10	10	20	9	...
	Seoni	29	58	87	28	...
	Total ...	235	557	792	189	11
Nerbudda ...	Narsinghpur	92	127	219	47	12
	Hoshangabad	210	294	504	97	2
	Nimar	106	116	222	36	2
	Betul	36	50	86	15	...
	Chhindwara	63	181	244	39	24
	Total ...	507	768	1,275	234	40
Nagpur ...	Wardha	182	385	567	164	...
	Nagpur	150	498	648	119	...
	Chanda	81	153	234	74	3
	Bhandara	81	191	272	124	...
	Balaghat	17	125	142	32	3
	Total ...	511	1,352	1,863	513	6
Chhattisgarh ..	Raipur	78	117	195	32	2
	Bilaspur	25	69	94	32	1
	Drug	71	122	193	30	...
	Total ...	174	308	482	94	3
	Grand Total ..	1,427	2,985	4,412	1,030	60

(*a*) Excludes one case

Courts during the revenue year ending the 30th September 1918.

Number of cases in which sale has taken place.		Number of cases in which sale has been refused on the decree-holder refusing to take a lease on reasonable terms.	Number of cases struck off in default or other wise.	Number of cases pending at close of year.	Result of sales of revenue-paying property.				Number of years' purchase (column 16 on column 13).
Villages, shares of villages and malik-makbuza plots.	Absolute occupancy holdings.				Amount of land revenue assessed on property transferred (column 8 only).	Price realized.	Add amount of encumbrances known to exist on the property at the time of sale.	Theoretical deduced price (total of columns 14 and 15).	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
16	24	...	91	92	1,221	48,173	40,815	88,988	72·80
4	20	...	51	91	1,123	5,499	8,056	13,555	12·00
30	26	...	50	67	2,091	24,852	56	24,908	11·90
3	1	...	1	6	257	3,260	15,900	19,160	74·55
14	5	...	15	25	972	14,069	44,129	58,198	59·70
67	76	...	208	241	5,664	95,853	1,08,956	2,04,809	36·1
1	16	...	41	102	1	150	...	150	114·29
5	76	...	88	236	1,790	28,510	18,000	46,510	25·98
35	4	...	32	113	992	31,621	4,175	35,796	36·08
4	13	...	15	39	14	770	250	1,020	72·85
8	17	5	31	120	221	30,764	15,050	45,814	207·30
53	126		207	610	3,018	91,815	37,475	1,29,290	42·83
47	77	..	93	186	3,080	42,281	68,009	1,10,290	35·80
22	59	...	246	202	4,687	57,652	11,950	69,602	14·85
21	19	...	62	55	597	9,973	2,988	12,961	21·74
15	17	2	58	(a) 55	283	7,789	1,750	9,539	31·59
4	5	...	60	38	148	1,117	1,000	2,117	14·30
109	177	2	519	(a) 536	8,795	1,18,812	85,697	2,04,509	23·18
7	35	3	70	46	595	9,755	12,300	22,055	37·00
3	19	5	18	16	5	212	15	227	45·40
16	23	...	63	61	75	31,384	...	31,384	418·45
26	77	8	151	123	675	41,351	12,315	53,666	79·50
255	456	15	1,085	1,510	18,142	3,47,831	2,44,443	5,92,274	32·65

transferred to Balaghat.

STATEMENT O.—Showing general Revenue Business transacted

Division.	District.	Cultivated area of district in square miles.	Population.	Number of villages.	Land Revenue excluding cesses.	Number of cases for disposal.		
						Pending at close of preceding year.	Instituted during the year.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
					Rs.			
JUBBULPORE	Saugor ...	(b) 1,608	541,410	2,085	8,10,828	323	4,631	4,954
	Damoh ...	(b) 975	333,047	1,393	4,71,987	350	2,951	3,301
	Jubbulpore ...	(b) 1,976	745,892	2,537	10,44,873	302	3,948	4,250
	Mandla ...	(b) 1,488	405,234	2,010	2,72,683	190	1,996	2,186
	Seoni ...	(b) 1,541	396,326	(a) 1,641	3,49,437	(c) 159	2,652	2,811
	Total ...	7,588	2,421,909	9,666	29,49,808	1,324	16,178	17,502
NERBUDDA	Narsinghpur ...	978	325,677	1,104	6,36,243	243	1,713	1,956
	Hoshangabad ...	(d) 1,588	457,395	(e) 1,368	4,87,140	451	3,901	4,352
	Nimar ...	1,335	391,071	1,127	5,67,119	472	2,682	3,154
	Betul ...	1,439	390,386	(f) 1,277	2,82,150	144	2,482	2,626
	Chhindwara ...	1,912	516,948	(e) 1,930	4,34,501	229	2,950	3,179
	Total ...	7,252	2,081,477	6,806	24,07,153	1,539	13,728	15,267
NAGPUR	Wardha ...	1,690	459,796	1,369	7,77,455	642	3,872	4,514
	Nagpur ...	2,262	809,901	1,939	13,63,572	535	7,597	8,132
	Chanda ...	1,572	677,544	2,984	3,40,501	308	3,716	4,024
	Bhandara ...	1,427	685,134	1,652	6,76,854	299	3,137	3,436
	Balaghat ...	980	477,288	1,309	4,71,687	97	1,913	2,010
	Total ...	7,931	3,109,663	9,253	36,30,069	1,881	20,235	22,116
CHHATTISGARH	Raipur ...	3,846	1,324,856	4,324	7,72,923	282	4,161	4,443
	Bilaspur ...	2,936	1,146,223	3,538	6,15,166	205	3,019	3,224
	Drug ...	2,626	775,688	(g) 2,622	6,51,398	240	2,835	3,075
	Total ...	9,408	3,246,767	10,484	20,39,487	727	10,015	10,742
	GRAND TOTAL ...	32,179	10,859,816	36,209	1,10,26,517	5,471	60,156	65,627

during the revenue year ending the 30th September 1918.

Number of cases disposed of	Number of cases pending at close of the year.	Number of cases pending more than				Number of English letters in Revenue Department.		Remarks.
		Three months.	Six months.	Nine months.	Twelve months.	Issues.	Receipts.	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
4,669	285	33	22	6	38	1,660	2,177	
3,113	188	18	10	4	10	1,596	2,604	
4,012	238	7	1	...	1	3,389	2,787	
2,050	136	12	5	1	2	707	1,246	(*a*) The decrease of 4 villages is due to the amalgamation of villages at settlement.
2,613	198	42	7	1	3	1,208	1,856	(*b*) The reduction is due to fall in extension of cultivation. (*c*) Last year's figures were wrong.
16,457	1,045	112	45	12	54	8,560	10,670	
1,538	418	47	23	9	70	1,069	1,807	
3,805	547	62	34	11	74	659	1,577	(*d*) Due to extension of cultivation (*e*) Due to revision of settlement.
2,941	213	29	7	8	26	1,366	2,479	
2,457	169	14	4	4	15	1,681	1,106	
2,943	236	32	20	13	27	1,618	2,225	(*f*) Last year's figure was wrong.
13,684	1,583	184	88	45	212	6,393	9,194	
3,897	617	145	47	3	38	710	1,267	
7,560	572	103	18	6	15	Figures not available.		
3,745	279	28	6	2	11	2,123	3,027	
3,219	217	23	3	2	5	2,715	2,960	
1,866	144	31	2	1	1	2,590	3,200	
20,287	1,829	330	76	14	70	8,138	10,454	
4,107	336	33	10	7	10	1,655	2,375	
3,056	168	15	7	10	14	1,138	2,134	
2,768	307	50	15	6	10	287	797	(*g*) Excludis 2 summmarily settled villages acquired by the Irrigation Department for the Tandula Canal.
9,931	811	98	32	23	34	3,080	5,306	
60,359	5,268	724	241	94	370	26,171	35,624	

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FROM

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TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER,

LAND RECORDS DEPARTMENT,

Central Provinces.

Nagpur, the 20th January 1919.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit the following report on the operations of the Land Records and the Settlement Departments of the Central Provinces for the year ending 30th September 1918.

2. I held charge of the Departments, and Mr. Chhotelal Verma, Extra-Assistant Commissioner, worked as my Assistant, throughout the year under report.

I.—LAND RECORDS ESTABLISHMENT.

Revision of establishment.

3. Revised patwari halkabandis in the Narsinghpur and Balaghat districts, and the re-adjustment of patwari circles in the Nagpur district and the Warora, Chanda and Brahmapuri tahsils of Chanda, sanctioned in the previous year, were introduced during the year under report. The patwari halkabandi of the Hoshangabad district, which was redistributed by the Settlement Officer, was sanctioned by the Local Administration just after the close of the year. The proposals of the Deputy Commissioner, Jubbulpore, for the revision of circles in that district are not yet completed.

Measures taken to improve the prospects of the staff.

4. The cadre of Assistant Superintendents of Land Records was finally separated from that of Naib-Tahsildars on 1st June 1918; this step ensures further promotion to Revenue Inspectors who are qualified for appointment as Assistant Superintendents of Land Records, but have insufficient qualifications for the executive branch of the Subordinate Civil Service. Men, however, who possess those qualifications will still remain on the lists of Divisional Commissioners for trial as Naib-Tahsildars.

The re-arrangement of Revenue Inspectors' circles, to which reference was made in last year's report, was sanctioned with effect from the 1st July 1918. This has resulted in an increase of 30 appointments in 12 districts of the Province, and has reduced the average number of villages in a Revenue Inspector's charge from 154 to 133. Since the close of the year sanction has also been obtained for increasing the pony allowance of Revenue Inspectors from Rs. 10 to Rs. 15 with effect from the 1st April 1919.

The scheme for grading patwaris and improving their pay has been brought into force in ten districts. It is being extended to five other districts from the commencement of the next financial year and to the remaining three with effect from 1st April 1920 or earlier if funds are available.

II.—Land Records Work.

5. There have been no changes in the system of Land Records, except a few amendments of a merely formal nature. Revised rules regulating the appointment, duties and punishment of Revenue Inspectors and patwaris are now before the Financial Commissioner.

Changes in the system of Land Records.

6. The condition of village maps is generally reported to be good, but too frequently close inspection by an expert surveyor shows that this favourable report reflects little more than the appearance of the map and the cloth on which it is traced. In point of accuracy, maps still need improvement; but that will come when the new supervising staff has had time to systematize inspection and check. A Deputy Director for the Nagpur Division was appointed on 1st December 1917, and two more appointments have been made since the close of the year for Nerbudda and Jubbulpore Divisions. For Chhattisgarh a man is still required. The infusion of new blood into the ranks of Superintendents of Land Records by the appointment of young Tahsildars will, it is trusted, improve the methods and thoroughness of inspection. The instructions on the subject of limiting the traverse and internal cadastral survey in villages where cultivation is comparatively unstable and field boundaries vary from year to year were issued by me, with the approval of the Local Administration, to the Deputy Commissioners of Chanda, Drug, Raipur, Bilaspur, Chhindwara and Mandla and should greatly simplify survey in the backward tracts of those districts.

Condition of village maps including renewal of traces.

Early steps will, it is hoped, be taken for the correction of the survey of large non-rice areas in Drug and Raipur districts which, as the inspection of the Assistant Settlement Commissioner showed, need a good deal of attention.

New traces for the patwaris are prepared as a part of the operations in the districts under Settlement. In other districts defaced and worn out traces were renewed, where necessary, but the work had to be postponed in Damoh, Jubbulpore, Mandla and Raipur, where the preparation of electoral rolls and the distribution of taccavi made it necessary to send patwaris back from office to their circles. For the same reasons the work of tracing on blue-lined paper was completed in only 27 villages comprising 57 sheets in the Baloda Bazar tahsil of the Raipur district. The experiment of making field maps on drawing-paper strongly backed and bound is still under trial in Nagpur, and, if successful, it may be possible to adopt that method in other districts of the Province.

7. The condition of these marks is as usual reported to be good. As a result of the criticism offered by me last year, more stringent measures appear to have been adopted for ensuring their repair and renewal in several districts, persistent defaulters having been punished by the imposition of small fines. I am however still of opinion that the importance of maintaining these marks is not fully realized by many Tahsildars and Sub-Divisional Officers, notably in Damoh, Jubbulpore, Mandla and Narsinghpur, whose action on the Revenue Inspectors' reports is merely a list of warnings; many officials appear to be unable to understand that failure to repair the marks in the first instance is the really serious matter. In Atnair village of Betul district, several traverse stations which were found to have been removed were refixed by the map correction party, but the Settlement Officer reports that before attestation in the subsequent year new and old marks had disappeared wholesale.

Condition of village boundary marks, permanent marks for traverse stations and boundary marks of survey numbers in raiyatwari villages.

A large percentage of trijunction pillars were found out of repair by the Assistant Settlement Commissioner at the time of his inspection in Drug and Raipur districts; and I am afraid that the detailed attention which these marks will now receive from Deputy Directors will only multiply these cases of proved neglect.

A traverse party has been despatched this year to Narsinghpur to refix the many missing traverse marks in that district and to lay out new lines of sub-traverse stations.

Check of village records in districts not under settlement.

(a) By Revenue Inspectors.

8. Omitting districts under settlement operations, Revenue Inspectors have inspected the khasra work of all the villages in their charges, and the quality of their work is reported to be on the whole fair. The only districts in which the amount of testing fell short of the standard were Drug and Bilaspur. No explanation is forthcoming for the insufficient outturn of check in Bilaspur; in Drug it is due to the Revenue Inspectors having devoted more time to the correction of village maps. A haphazard check of a large number of entries is to be deprecated, and I have reduced the percentages of total khasra numbers to be checked in those districts in which it was represented that the prescribed minima could not be attained without seriously interfering with the map correction work.

(b) By Superintendents of Land Records and Assistant Superintendents of Land Records.

9. Excluding the districts under settlement, the number of entries tested by Superintendents of Land Records and their Assistants is about 11 per cent of the total checked by Revenue Inspectors. The amount of check done seems adequate except by the following cases:—

Jubbulpore district	{	Mr. Syed Nur, Superintendent of Land Records.
	{	„ Abdul Ghaffar Khan, Assistant Superintendent of Land Records.
Mandla „		„ Ganeshprasad, Superintendent of Land Records.
Narsinghpur „		„ R. D. Vakil, Superintendent of Land Records.
Wardha „		„ Diwakar Balaji, Assistant Superintendent of Land Records.
Raipur „		„ Yadorao Balaji, Assistant Superintendent of Land Records.

The Superintendent of Land Records and Assistant Superintendent of Land Records, Jubbulpore, both deserve censure for short touring; the percentage of the entries checked by them which had been previously tested by Revenue Inspectors comes to 32·51 and 39·73 respectively, though it was pointed out in the last year's report that this percentage should not ordinarily fall short of 50. My object in fixing this limit has been to allow the supervising staff more latitude for ascertaining by independent check the true condition of maps and the Land Record work generally in remote and backward tracts, without losing touch with the routine work of the Revenue Inspector; but the checking in Jubbulpore has been both insufficient and unsystematic. The Superintendent of Land Records, Mandla, has been very slack, and an examination of his tour diaries, which was made at the close of the field season by my Assistant, showed that he neglected his work in view of his approaching retirement. I am advising a further enquiry in his case. The Superintendent of Land Records, Narsinghpur, has since reverted as Naib-Tahsildar, and it is hoped that the Assistant Superintendents of Land Records, Wardha and Mahasamund Range, will show better results in future. The latter is inclined to shirk hard work.

(c) By Tahsildars and Naib-Tahsildars.

10. On the whole, less testing of records was done by Tahsildars and their Naibs than in the previous year; this may be accounted for by the fact that they were busy on operations connected with the war. The following Tahsildars and Naib-Tahsildars have however neglected this duty somewhat seriously:—

Damoh	district	...	Naib-Tahsildar, Hatta
Narsinghpur	„		Tahsildar and Naib-Tahsildar, Narsinghpur.
Nimar	„	...	{ Tahsildar and Naib-Tahsildar, Burhanpur. Tahsildar, Harsud. Naib-Tahsildar, Khandwa.
Wardha	„	...	{ Naib-Tahsildar, Wardha. Naib-Tahsildar, Arvi.
Nagpur	„	...	Tahsildar and Naib-Tahsildar, Umrer.
Balaghat	„	...	Tahsildar and Naib-Tahsildar, Baihar.
Drug	„	...	Naib-Tahsildar, Drug.
Raipur	„	...	Naib-Tahsildar, Raipur.
Bilaspur	„	...	Tahsildar and Naib-Tahsildar, Katghora.

11. The amount of checking done by Deputy Commissioners and their Assistants was generally less than in the previous year except in Chhattisgarh. It is to be regretted that no testing at all was again done by the Deputy Commissioner, Nagpur, and his Assistants except the Sub-Divisional Officers, Nagpur and Saoner.

(d) By Deputy Commissioners and their Assistants.

12. Mr. Jones was appointed a Deputy Director of Land Records, Nagpur Division, in December 1917. His principal duty during the year was the organization of supervision in the Nagpur district where records are in good condition after settlement, and with proper attention should not deteriorate. In addition to the above, Wardha and Balaghat districts were visited, but here the field inspection was less extensive. If one district is fully overhauled each year, there should be no deterioration during the currency of a settlement, and records should remain in the accurate condition in which they are left by the Settlement Officer. Mr. Jones also inspected the Land Record offices in three districts twice, and several Kanungos' offices.

(e) By Deputy Directors of Land Records.

13. Besides tours in Seoni, Bhandara, Betul, Chanda, Hoshangabad and Chhindwara, which were mainly connected with Settlement work, I visited Jubbulpore, Narsinghpur, Wardha and Raipur districts in connection with the revision of the patwari halkabandis or the organization of map correction work by the Superintendents of Land Records.

(f) By the Director and the Assistant Director.

My Assistant visited Balaghat, Chanda, Bilaspur, Nimar, Chhindwara, Seoni, Mandla and Jubbulpore districts to inspect the Land Records and Kanungos' offices and to examine the tour diaries of the Superintendents of Land Records and their Assistants and the stock of forms and survey appliances. His most extensive tours were in Narsinghpur, to examine proposals for revenue abatement, and in Drug and Raipur to examine the Land Record work in detail.

14. The amount of check done by the Kanungos of Dindori (Mandla district), Arvi (Wardha district), Drug (Drug district) and of all the tahsils of Raipur and Bilaspur districts was poor. Otherwise, apart from the districts under Settlement, the check was quantitatively up to the prescribed standard in nearly all cases. The percentage of inaccuracies discovered was ·80 as compared with the last year's figure of ·90. The very small number of errors detected in Mandla and Nimar is open to suspicion, and a thorough re-check by the Superintendent of Land Records is desirable.

(g) Check of Jamabandis by Kanungos.

15. The village papers were filed with fair punctuality, though as usual delay occurred in the districts under Settlement.

Degree of punctuality observed in filing village papers.

16. The check of Kanungos' offices was adequate, and they were generally found to be in good order save in the matter of issue of forms and instruments, to which allusion will be made in Chapter IV, Part II, of this report.

Condition of Kanungos' offices.

17. During the year under report 98 sanads for agricultural improvements were granted in 12 districts against 89 in 14 districts in the previous year. The largest number were issued in Mandla, Chanda and Raipur.

Issue of sanads for agricultural improvements.

18. Besides the sale of quinine in some jungly districts, the patwari staff was concerned with the issue of nistar and paidawar lists; the instruction of school-boys in patwari papers; the issue of passes for country liquor; assistance to the Agriculture Department and Co-operative Credit Societies; the management of irrigation tanks transferred to the Revenue Department; the grant of grazing certificates; the use of snake-bite lancets; promotion of transplantation of rice and cultivation of ground-nut, sugarcane, wheat, castor and cotton on the inferior *Bhata* land in Chhattisgarh; and lastly war work. As a body they have discharged all these duties loyally and diligently. Where reference is made, the district reports speak of the steady improvement in the miscellaneous work done by the patwaris and the superior Land Record staff particularly in connection with the preparation of grazing passes for the Forest Department.

Miscellaneous work.

III.—Conduct of Land Records Staff.

Residence of patwaris within their circles.

19. At the close of the year 203 patwaris were living outside their circles with the sanction of the Commissioner. Last year the number was 179. The increase is mostly in the Saugor district where patwaris have been allowed to reside outside their circles if their residences have been excluded from their present circles in the revised halka-bandi. There has been a satisfactory drop in the number of patwaris non-resident without permission, from 404 to 292. Residence has been insisted on more stringently in Saugor, Damoh, Chhindwara and Drug. The percentages of non-resident patwaris are high in Seoni (37·56), Betul (17·08) and Chanda (10·00), where many of the patwaris have been newly appointed. The number of men absent from work without permission is remarkably high in the Raipur and Bilaspur districts.

Training of patwaris.

20. Except in Damoh, Narsinghpur and Betul, where the number of passed candidates is already large, the usual course of instruction was given to patwaris and patwari candidates at the head-quarters of Revenue Inspectors, and examinations were held both in survey and patwari rules with satisfactory results.

Conduct and discipline of patwaris.

21. The following table shows the disciplinary measures taken against patwaris during the year under report as compared with the previous year:—

	In 1916-17.	In 1917-18.
Total number of patwaris in Central Provinces.	4,972	5,035
Dismissals	100	77
Reductions	48	25
Suspensions	247	184
Transfers	72	37
Total ...	467	323
	9·4 per cent.	6·4 per cent.

Punishment was inflicted for non-residence within circles, misconduct, persistent neglect of work and dishonesty, and of the total, Raipur alone contributes 70 cases mostly of dismissal and suspension; there is, however, a marked decrease under all heads in almost all districts which may perhaps indicate that the standard of discipline is improving.

Revenue Inspectors, their qualifications, conduct and discipline.

22. These officials are well spoken of by all Deputy Commissioners, and individual names are in many cases singled out for special mention. Deserving cases have been rewarded with good-conduct allowances. In several districts they are said to have done good work in connection with the war, while punishments were rare, being found mainly in the Chhattisgarh Division. The comparative figures are exhibited in the sub-joined table:—

Nature of punishment.	In 1916-17.	In 1917-18.
Dismissal	*Nil.*	*Nil.*
Reductions	3	4
Fines	11	*Nil.*
Suspension	1	*Nil.*
Transfers	1	2
Total ...	16	6

Reductions were ordered in cases where the Revenue Inspectors were considered too inefficient for Land Record work and needed training in a settlement district as Additional Revenue Inspectors. As mentioned in paragraph 4, large and unmanageable charges have been reduced in size, and the district reports bear testimony to the great improvement in the personnel of the staff of Revenue Inspectors as a result of appointing trained men from the Settlement staff. The rules regulating the selection of candidates for Revenue Inspectorship have been recast, and no candidate is now given a permanent circle until he has undergone a full course of training in the field in a district under settlement.

Superintendents of Land Records, Assistant Superintendents of Land Records, their qualifications, conduct and discipline.

23. Of the 17 Superintendents of Land Recordships reserved for Tahsildars, eight were, at the close of the year, held by persons who were Superintendents of Land Records before the amalgamation of the two cadres and will probably end their service as such, and nine by Tahsildars recruited from the regular line. I must confess I have not been favourably impressed with the work of the Superintendents of Land Records of the old

school who, with a few exceptions, seem loth to leave stereotyped routes and methods and consider that they have earned their pay if their returns are punctually and correctly compiled; they are content if they have spent a large number of days nominally in camp and exhibit good statistics of check, without making any real and conscientious attempt to train and guide the subordinate staff or to concert measures for the general improvement of the administration of Land Records. The poor condition of the maps in the past in several districts is a sad comment on their work. The selection of young Tahsildars for appointment as Superintendents of Land Records, the gradual elimination of the old element, the careful instuctions imparted to these officers at the time of inspection of their work and diaries, and finally the appointment of a Deputy Director of Land Records for each Division, are measures which in time should lead to improvement. Turning to individuals, Mr. Syed Nur, Superintendent of Land Records, Jubbulpore, lacks method and control, and has since been transferred to a lighter charge. Mr. Ganeshprasad Bishansingh, Superintendent of Land Records, Mandla, did very little hard work on account of his impending retirement from service, and the condition of maps in the non-rice areas in Raipur is hardly creditable to the Superintendent of Land Records, Mr. Daji Kashinath. On the other hand, the following have been commended in the district reports for their good work:—

Rao Saheb Gopal Rao Chikte, Superintendent of Land Records, Nagpur.
Mr. V. B. Joshi, Superintendent of Land Records, Bhandara.
Mr. J. N. Jesudason, Superintendent of Land Records, Balaghat.
Mr. W. R. Wachasundar, Superintendent of Land Records, Drug.

The last-named deserves special mention because he has organized the map correction work of the district systematically.

With a few exceptions the Assistant Superintendents of Land Records have worked hard and well, and the following may be selected for mention:—

Mr. Parmanand Tiwari, Nagpur.
Mr. W. A. Fule, Bhandara.
Mr. Ramrao Sheoram, Balaghat.
Mr. P. R. Dongaonker, Drug.
Mr. Sitalprasad, Drug.
Mr. Rameshwar Prasad, Raipur.

IV.—Utilization of Land Records.

Circle Note-books.

24. The circle note-books for malguzari and raiyatwari villages have been maintained fully in all districts except those under settlement; in the latter the books will need careful revision.

Village Note-books.

25. Settlement operations interfered to some extent with writing up village note-books in Seoni, Hoshangabad, Betul and Bhandara. Otherwise they are almost up-to-date in all districts except Mandla, where 52 village note-books were incomplete or needed renewal.

PART II.—OPERATIONS OF THE SETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT.

I.—The Revenue Settlement of Malguzari Villages.

26. *General.*—During the year ending 30th September 1918, revision of assessment was in progress in Hoshangabad, Bhandara, Seoni and Betul districts.

Mr. H. C. Gowan, I.C.S., Settlement Officer.
Mr. Chhaganlal, Assistant Settlement Officer.

27. *Hoshangabad.*—The only field work remaining in this district was the announcement of the revised demand in 445 villages of Harda tahsil. That was completed by Mr. Gowan in the hot weather on his return from leave, and after he had submitted the Harda Tahsil Report and the draft of the District Final Report he was relieved by Mr. Chhaganlal, Assistant Settlement Officer, during the rains. Mr. Chhaganlal supervised the completion of the record work, and the settlement records, with the miscellaneous revenue cases, were all filed in the district record-room and the Settlement office closed at the end of the year. The muafi, nazul and kotwar registers, as well as halkabandi proposals and kistbandis, were all completed, before the staff was finally dispersed. The new rents and revenue were well received, no objection to rents and only four to revenue being filed in my Court: that is a satisfactory record, for the poverty of the crops during the year made every tenant consider seriously the effect of enhancement on his own pocket.

28. *Bhandara.*—Mr. Gordon, I.C.S., was in charge practically throughout the year. In the open season 343 villages, covering 731 square miles, were attested and 324 inspected by the Settlement Officer. Revised rents and revenue were announced in 705 villages, covering the original Bhandara tahsil and the portion of Gondia tahsil that has been transferred to the Balaghat district. The outturn of villages attested was somewhat short, owing partly to the heavy announcement programme and partly to the exceptional difficulty of the attestation work: in the Gondia tahsil, tenures are extremely complicated and disputes numerous. Objections to rents were freely made in the field, but only eight regular appeals were filed in my Court.

Mr. E. Gordon, I.C.S., Settlement Officer.
Assistant Settlement Officers.—Messrs A. V. Deshpande, Azmat Ali, Balwantrao, Mahabir Prasad, Abdul Aziz Khan and T. G. Matangy.

29. Rent-rate and assessment reports for nine groups, containing 543 villages, were submitted by Mr. Gordon during the year. The programme of office work was very heavy, and the work of fairing records was seriously interfered with during the rains by the preparation of voter lists and of detailed estimates of crop outturns when the rains failed, and finally by the influenza epidemic.

30. Bhandara is for various reasons the most difficult district now under settlement, and the staff has worked at high pressure throughout the year, both in the field and in office. As Mr. Gordon remarks, it would be invidious to single out any Assistant Settlement Officer for special mention. The field work remaining will become easier towards the end of the current year when the Sakoli tahsil is reached, for the soil classification has been simplified considerably, and the tenures in Sakoli tahsil are less complicated than in Gondia.

31. *Seoni.*—Mr. Hamilton was compelled by ill-health to take two months' leave in the hot weather, and during that period Mr. Panchamlal held charge of the district. As in Bhandara, the announcement of rents in 502 villages inspected the previous year delayed attestation work considerably; 376 villages, partly in Seoni and partly in Lakhnadon tahsil, were attested and 341 inspected by the Settlement Officer during the year under report. The new revenue has been well received, though as a rule the malguzars of this district lose by revision owing to the extremely low fraction at which the present revenue falls on unrevised assets; and only three rental appeals were filed in my Court.

Mr. K. L. B. Hamilton, I.C.S., Settlement Officer
Assistant Settlement Officers.—Messrs. Panchamlal, Sheocharanlal, Gauri Shankar, Saiyid Abdul Jabbar and Vithal Atmaram.

32. The Seoni staff was seriously handicapped by illness, and in order to complete the attestation work during the current year it has recently been strengthened. The tract now remaining for revision is fairly easy country, and with a simplified soil classification, it is anticipated that the field work, except announcement of the revised demand, will be finished by the end of next May. During the year under report an extra Assistant Settlement Officer, Mr. Ghate, was posted to the district for a short time to settle the numerous disputes about mohwa trees in the Diwan's estate: when that was completed, he returned to work in the regular line as Tahsildar.

33. *Betul.*—Mr. Trench was in charge throughout the year. The field programme comprised the announcement of rents and revenue over the whole of Betul tahsil, and the attestation of Multai tahsil. This programme was carried out fully, but the attestation work in one group containing 67 villages remained for inspection after the close of the year: that omission is however of little importance, for in addition to this programme, rents were annonnced in 191 villages of Multai tahsil also. This large outturn of announcement *plus* attestation work is entirely due to a simplified method of work introduced tentatively in the backward tracts, which entails the application of an extremely simple soil classification and the fixation of rates on the spot by an experienced Settlement Officer: the system was an undoubted success in Betul, and will suit similar backward portions of other districts.

Mr. C. G. C. Trench, I.C.S., Settlement Officer.
Assistant Settlement Officers.—Messrs. Shankarnath Mehta, Mohomed Abdul Khalique, Madhorao, Mohanlal Dube, and Vasant Rang Rao Khisty.

34. It was noticed that when working on the simplified system, announcement of rents follows attestation with but a short interval, tenants require ltle explanation of their rents and few objections are raised; and experience in Betul district certainly shows that from the tenants' point of view extreme elaboration of the methods of rent-fixation does not repay the trouble and delay that it involves, if the rents are at a low pitch before revision.

35. The map correction of Bhainsdehi tahsil was completed during the year by Mr. Lancaster, Assistant Settlement Officer. A small alteration in method was tried successfully in this map amendment; isolated fields on poor

soil, generally shifting cultivation, were given an approximate position only on the map. Boundaries of such fields change from year to year, and their accurate survey on the traverse basis necessitates numerous sub-traverse stations and undesirable line clearing through forest.

36. *Chhindwara.*—Mr. Chunilal was in charge of the work in this district. The rent announcement was completed in 22 villages of the Jagirs that had remained from the previous year; all the records were filed and the Settlement staff dispersed during the year.

Mr. Chunilal, Assistant Settlement Officer.

37. *Chanda.*—The inception report was submitted during the year, and map correction of the Warora tahsil, embracing 594 villages, was practically completed. At the close of the year the Settlement staff was posted to the district, but attestation did not start until after the year had closed.

II.—Correction of Maps and Records preparatory to Resettlement.

38. As noted above, map correction was proceeding in two districts—Betul and Chanda; in the former the usual full staff was employed, but in the latter, though a trained officer—Mr. Anthony—was in charge of the party, only six Additional Revenue Inspectors were posted to the district, and the survey was carried out entirely by the permanent patwari staff. Provided that the work is started well ahead of attestation and the patwaris have not been permitted to forget their skill and let their maps get into disorder during the currency of a settlement, there is no necessity for allowing this survey to be a heavy, and expensive, charge: in a normal district it can be carried out by the permanent local staff, with the addition of a few extra Inspectors, and a supervising officer who need not be of the status of Assistant Settlement Officer.

III.—Surveys carried out.

39. *Town surveys.*—The nazul areas in Hinganghat and Chhindwara towns were under settlement during the year. The traverse and survey on the scale of 128 inches=1 mile were in the hands of Mr. Johnson, Assistant Settlement Officer, while enquiry and preparation of records were carried out by Messrs. Chhotelal and Chunilal, Assistant Settlement Officers. In both cases the work was not quite completed by the end of the year. At a conference of Commissioners in June a regular roster of towns requiring survey and settlement of their nazul lands was drawn up, and the Survey staff has been strengthened temporarily in order that five or six towns may be completed yearly.

Traverse operations were chiefly confined to work in the Chanda and Brahmapuri tahsils and consisted in the allocation of lost stations and laying out of new sub-traverses. Six hundred and thirty-three villges were completed in the Chanda district besides one in Mandla and two in Hoshangabad.

IV.—Supply of Instruments and Forms.

40. During the year under report the Instruments and Stationery Depôt attached to my office issued instruments and drawing materials to the value of Rs. 6,459 as detailed below:—

	During the year. Rs.	Average of three previous years. Rs.
To the Settlement Department ...	1,544	5,444
To Deputy Commissioners for use of patwaris and Land Record work.	2,110	9,082
For use of Traverse Survey parties ...	2,763	..
Otherwise issued, including Berar ...	42	1,369
	6,459	15,895

I am glad to note that in spite of an abnormal rise in the price of instruments, the expenditure on this account has been reduced appreciably. This is the result of better supervision of the Depôt by Mr. Chhotelal Varma, Assistant Settlement Commissioner, and of transfer of articles from districts where stock was in excess of the demand.

41. The value of forms supplied by the Anjuman Islamia Press, Jubbulpore, amounted to Rs. 25,416 as shown below:—

	During the year. Rs.	Average of three previous years. Rs.
To Settlement Department ...	5,200	5,544
To Deputy Commissioners for the maintenance of village records.	20,216	16,737
	25,416	22,281

The steady rise in the price of paper is alone responsible for the increase in expenditure. At the rate prices were going up, it became obvious that the expenditure on forms would soon be doubled unless somewhat drastic measures were adopted to reduce consumption. District indents were therefore checked with extra care and requisitions were reduced to the narrowest possible limits. There has been in the past some waste of patwari forms; and this has been proved during the year by a careful comparison of issues and of forms actually used in several districts. Elaborate instructions were therefore drafted and issued during the year with the approval of the Financial Commissioner to all district officers, on the subject of supply, custody, issue and use of forms and survey appliances. It is hoped that these instructions, coupled with closer examination of indents in my office, will show still better results in future years. To arrest further waste, all the settlement forms are being standardized, and elaboration of superfluous forms has been stopped entirely.

The Depôt also arranged as usual for the supply to Deputy Commissioners through the same Press, of 75,541 tenants' receipt books valued at Rs. 20,965.

V.—Work of the Office of the Settlement Commissioner.

42. The usual statement showing number of reports dealt with is appended.

No.	Name of district.	Name of tahsil.	Forecast report.	Combined rent-rate and assessment report.		Tahsil assessment report.	Final report.
				No. of Reports.	No. of villages.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Bhandara ...	Bhandara ...	...	5	326	...	...
		Gondia ...	...	4	217	...	...
2	Hoshangabad ..	Seoni ...	...	...	...	1	...
		Hoshangabad ...	...	...	...	1	...
		Harda ...	...	...	...	1	...
3	Seoni ...	Seoni ...	...	7	414 (27 Raiyatwari.)	...	...
4	Betul ...	Betul ...	...	4	280 (11 Raiyatwari.)	...	...
		Multai ...	...	5	241 (13 Raiyatwari.)	...	...
5	Saugor ...	Khurai ...	...	...	...	1	...
6	Chhindwara ...	Amarwara ...	...	...	...	1	...
		Chhindwara ...	...	...	...	1	...
		Sausar ...	...	...	...	1	...
7	Balaghat ...	Balaghat ...	...	...	...	1	...
		Zamindari ...	...	...	...	1	...
		Baihar ...	...	...	...	1	...
8	Nagpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	1
		Total ...	...	25	1,478 (51 Raiyatwari.)	10	1

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
P. HEMINGWAY,
Commissioner of Settlements,
Central Provinces.

STATEMENT I.—Showing the progress made in original Cadastral Survey and preparation of Land Record during the year ending the 30th September 1918.

District.	Field work.				Office work.				Remarks.
	Total area to be dealt with.	Disposed of previously.	Disposed of during the year.	Balance.	Total area to be dealt with.	Disposed of previously.	Disposed of during the year.	Balance.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
				Nil.					

STATEMENT II.—Showing the progress made in Map Correction during the year ending the 30th September 1918.

District.	Field work.				Office work.				Remarks.
	Total area to be dealt with.	Disposed of previously.	Disposed of during the year.	Balance.	Total area to be dealt with.	Disposed of previously.	Disposed of during the year.	Balance.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Sq. miles.	Sq. miles.	Sq. miles.	Sq. miles.	Sq. miles.	Sq. miles.	Sq. miles.	Sq. miles.	
Bhandara	3,418	3,418	...	...	3,418	2,680	738	...	
Betul	2,714	1,828	886	...	2,714	1,828	886	...	
Chanda	2,377	...	946	1,431	2,377	...	946	1,431	

STATEMENT III.—Showing the progress made in the Regular Revision of Land Revenue Assessment (Field work) during the year ending the 30th September 1918.

District.		Attestation.						Announcement.			Remarks.
		Total to be attested.	Attested in previous years.	During the year under report.			Balance to be attested by Inspectors.	Total to be announced.	Announced during the previous year.	Announced during the year under report.	
				Attested by Inspectors.	Passed by Assistant Superior Officer.	Inspected by Superior Officer.					
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Hoshangabad	Area in square miles	2,701	2,701	...	...	...	...	2,701	1,855	846	
	Number of villages	1,368	1,368	...	...	...	...	1,368	923	445	
Chhindwara (Jagirs)	Area in square miles	1,597	1,597	...	...	...	...	1,220	*1,152	58	
	Number of villages	545*	545	...	...	...	...	427	405	22	*Including 118 villages in which rents were not revised.
Seoni	Area in square miles	2,534	1,247	644	584	540	643	2,534	318	826	
	Number of villages	1,634	737	416	376	341	482	1,634	175	502	
Bhandara	Area in square miles	2,311	1,107	753	731	692	1,558	3,418	...	1,111	
	Number of villages	1,118	705	349	342	324	769	1,823	...	706	
Betul	Area in square miles	2,714	929	899	899	823	886	2,714	...	1,153	
	Number of villages	1,275	495	418	418	405	362	1,275	...	573	

STATEMENT IV.—Showing the progress made in the Regular Revision of Land Revenue Assessment (Office work) during the year ending the 30th September 1918.

District.		Total to be assessed.	Records completed.	Records faired and passed.	Records copied for patwaris.	First trace made.	Second trace made.	Ryotwari abstracts prepared.	Combined rent-rates and assessment report submitted.	Balance for assessment.	Misls completed after announcement.	Sheets amended.	Remarks.
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Hoshangabad	Area in square miles	1,701	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,071	...	
	Number of villages	1,368	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	521	...	
Chhindwara (Jagirs)	Area in square miles	...	...	612	140	...	...	...	...	...	1,220	...	
	Number of villages	...	...	223	64	...	...	...	...	...	427	...	
Seoni	Area in square miles	2,534	540	540	530	540	1,133	871	784	957	192	540	
	Number of villages	1,634	341	341	344	341	674	517	443	698	106	341	
Bhandara	Area in square miles	2,714	1,799	170	680	1,463	1,111	...	1,799	1,619	170	1,799	
	Number of villages	1,376	1,029	96	412	884	705	...	1,029	794	96	1,029	
Betul	Area in square miles	2,714	521	1,083	790	1,287	753	852	1,157	1,056	856	1,012	
	Number of villages	1,275	270	544	359	617	368	424	549	442	441	497	

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Central Provinces Administration

REVENUE AND SCARCITY DEPARTMENT

Nagpur, the 5th July 1920.

READ—

Report by the Financial Commissioner on the Land Revenue Adminstration of the Central Provinces during the year 1918-19.

Report on the Operations of the Land Records and Settlement Departments in the Central Provinces during the year 1918-19.

RESOLUTION.

In several respects the year 1918-19 has been one of the most remarkable in the revenue history of the province. The monsoon was uncertain at the start, and a prolonged break in July impeded the progress of the young kharif crops, the tension being somewhat relieved by some subsequent rain. But the monsoon practically failed altogether from the middle of September, being thus one of the most unfavourable on record. The crop prospects in October were thus very gloomy. The outturns of kharif crops were nowhere anticipated to be half the normal except in the few irrigated tracts, and in the Chhattisgarh and Jubbulpore divisions the prospects were much worse. The drought affected most adversely the rabi sowings; the area sown with rabi crops decreased by 30 per cent, the fall in the Chhattisgarh division being no less than 53 per cent. To add to the difficulties of the season, the influenza epidemic in October-November resulted in the most appalling mortality within the memory of man, the deaths being estimated at 5 per cent of the total population. Moreover, prices continued to rise throughout the year to levels unknown in the worst famine years. Conditions thus pointed to the probability of a severe famine, and arrangements were rightly made for this contingency. The measures taken for the relief of distress will be fully described in the famine report, and it is sufficient in this resolution to state that in the most affected tracts suspensions of land revenue and rent were granted, agricultural loans were distributed on a liberal scale, ordinary works were expanded and relief works were started wherever there was a demand for labour, gratuitous relief was given on a liberal scale, and cheap grain shops were started in towns. Famine or scarcity was declared in the whole or portions of 12 out of the 18 districts, but the amount of relief required nowhere approached that forecasted as likely to be required. Unusual rain in November-December improved the prospects of the late kharif crops, and indeed turned the outturn of cotton in the Nagpur division from an estimated half crop to a full yield. Rabi prospects were also improved, and with good winter rain, the outturn on the restricted area sown was excellent. The crop outturn of the year is estimated at 57 per cent of the normal outturn on the normal area. The cultivators benefited largely by the very high prices at which they sold their produce, and were in no difficulty except in the few isolated tracts where the failure was most complete. The normal shortage of labour was aggravated by the appalling mortality caused by influenza, which resulted in a considerable rise in wages, and the demand for relief work was nothing like so large as had been anticipated. The result has shown that the greatly increased power of

the population to resist famine conditions, caused by the great changes in economic conditions during the past decade, was considerably under-estimated. The numbers on relief were only a small fraction of those relieved in the great famine, and fell short of those of 1907-08, when crop failure was certainly not so great nor so widespread, and when there were not the aggravating circumstances of 1918-19. Thus the province overcame this difficult year much better than was anticipated, and the reports testify to a remarkable power of recuperation when the favourable monsoon of 1919 brought a return of prosperity. It will take a few good years, however, to make a complete recovery in the worst affected tracts of the Jubbulpore division and some jungle tracts in other divisions. The Chief Commissioner acknowledges the promptness with which the officers of Government took all the measures necessary to prevent and alleviate distress. With one exception the machinery for relief was always, as it should be, in advance of the necessity for the relief. The one exception was in the backward Mandla district, where communications are the worst in the province and where, owing to the heavy cold-weather rain of January and February 1919, it was very difficult for the officers of Government to travel freely and gauge the distress as it arose. Apart from gratuitous relief and special arrangements for the import of grain to meet monsoon needs, the main measures taken in this district were works on the improvement of communications, which should render a future scarcity in the district more easy to handle.

2. It is satisfactory that the attitude of the people in a year of trouble left little to be desired. The steady progress of the co-operative movement, and the successful work of the Agricultural Department, carried out in spite of great difficulty arising from the inadequacy of the staff, have gained genuine appreciation from the cultivators. The special measures taken to alleviate the sufferings of the people during the influenza epidemic, although inevitably quite inadequate to meet the needs of this tremendous calamity, were greatly appreciated, and it was generally recognized that the famine relief measures were adequate to the needs. As remarked by the Commissioner, Nagpur Division, the mass of the people cannot be expected to express critical appreciation of Government measures such as the control of railway traffic and of the movements of food-stuffs and oils. There was genuine relief at the conclusion of the war, and satisfaction at the success of the Allies, which was shown by the peace celebrations. The relations between landlords and tenants were generally satisfactory. It is reported that for the most part landlords gave good assistance to their tenants during this difficult year. Experience seems to show that friction between landlords and tenants is more common in times of prosperity than in times of difficulty. It is natural that in Betul some of the proprietors should regard the conditions of the new wajib-ul-arz with discontent. In a district like this with a backward population, which looks for its support nearly as much from the jungle as from the fields, it is essential that the customary rights of tenants in the village waste should be fully recorded, and Mr. Trench, the Settlement Officer, is to be congratulated on the thorough way he did the work. The Commissioner, Nagpur, mentions friction on the subject of nistar as a healthy sign, showing a growing consciousness on the part of tenants of their rights and privileges, and the Commissioner, Jubbulpore, reports that the landlords have begun to realise that, with labour always scarce, especially at harvest time, self-interest alone compels the landlords to keep the villagers contented, and that many did their best to provide labour for the small cultivator and the labourer near their homes.

3. The system of village management has withstood very successfully the strain of this difficult year. The lambardars are reported generally to have performed satisfactorily their responsible duties as proprietors and rent collectors. The change of system under which a lambardar is appointed not only for each separate patti of the village, but in addition a sadar lambardar for the whole village, has worked well. The difficult duties of mukaddams have not always been carried out so well, the failure occurring mainly in villages where substitutes are employed on wholly inadequate remuneration. The scale of remuneration evidently requires reconsideration in most districts owing to the changed

economic conditions. Nearly all the reports bear testimony to the excellent work done by the village watchmen both during the influenza epidemic and the scarcity conditions, when many showed devotion to duty beyond all praise. This humble but deserving body of village servants has again shown that it is the real back-bone of village management.

4. The destruction of pig is again noticed by the Financial Commissioner. It is undoubtedly a matter of much importance to cultivators in many tracts, the damage to crops by pig being very large. The Chief Commissioner is convinced that only organised effort on the part of the villagers can remedy the evil, and the enterprise shown in the Chanda district and the pig-killing committees in the Nagpur district are examples which might well be followed elsewhere in the province.

5. In view of the conditions, the small fall in the occupied area is less than might have been expected. The large decrease in the area sown with rabi crops is fully accounted for by the lack of moisture and the prevalence of influenza at sowing time. The substitution of juar for cotton on a considerable scale in the Nagpur country was due to the necessity for increasing food-stocks, which were exceedingly small. Another striking feature is the large increase of irrigation, which was nearly threefold that of the previous year. The conditions naturally stimulated the utilization of available sources of water-supply for the crops, and the new important irrigation projects in the Nagpur and Chhattisgarh divisions saved a considerable area from crop failure. Rental collections were good, and the balance of unsuspended land revenue due at the close of the year was negligible, which indicates that the necessity for remission and suspension was properly gauged by the Deputy Commissioners.

6. The decline in the raiyatwari area was natural, as much of the land is poor and raiyats in a year like 1918-19 could not be expected to retain land which requires resting fallows. The Chief Commissioner approves of the decision of the Commissioner, Jubbulpore Division, that money from the allot-ment for the improvement of raiyatwari villages in the Mandla district should not be spent, as in the past, on communications and that this allotment should be concentrated on the improvement of the water-supply.

7. The amounts granted as loans under the Land Improvement Loans Act and the Agriculturists' Loans Act in the distressed parts are obscured by the fact that allotments are given according to the financial year, whereas the figures in the report are for the revenue year. During the period of famine and scarcity over Rs. 80 lakhs were distributed, and the divisional reports show that the task of giving out this large sum was accomplished promptly and without friction. In Chhattisgarh the Commissioner made the grant of loans one of the chief items in his relief programme, and this liberality in the distribution of loans has undoubtedly contributed largely to the rapid recovery of the division. The Financial Commissioner has satisfied himself that the loss incurred during the year is only temporary owing to the amounts given out much exceeding those repaid, and that there is no ground for increasing the rate of interest.

8. The number of revenue cases shows a very large increase, due to the widespread distribution of loans, the new income-tax procedure and the enhanced number of lambardar, mukaddam, kotwar and mutation cases caused by the heavy mortality during the influenza epidemic. It is therefore satisfactory that the increase in the pending file at the end of the year was relatively small in spite of the many extra duties which the Revenue Officers had to perform. While the inspection of offices was on the whole adequate, Sir Frank Sly observes that in the Nerbudda division only the Nimar district office was fully inspected by the Deputy Commissioner. He desires to emphasise the import-ance of the inspection of district and tahsil offices by Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners and Sub-Divisional Officers. It must not be regarded as a routine duty that may be left undone if other work presses, but as the most effective means of ensuring the prompt disposal of business and the cutting down of useless work and circuitous methods of disposal. The increase of the

pay of Government servants in all departments will put a heavy strain on the resources of the administration, and emphasises the importance of insisting on business-like methods of work. No application will be entertained for extra staff, unless it is clearly proved that it is justified by an increase of real work and that the present staff is not wasting its time in useless duties performed in an unmethodical way.

9. In the Land Record Department the scheme sanctioned in 1917 for the grading of patwaris and for increasing their pay has now been introduced into all districts, but it was framed before prices reached their present pitch, and the problem of the pay of patwaris and their conditions of service is again occupying the attention of the Director of Land Records. Despite the conditions of the year, the supervision done by the Deputy Commissioners and their assistants in land record work increased, and there has been undoubted improvement in the maintenance of correct records.

10. Famine conditions necessitated the practical closing down of settlement work in the Betul district, but in Bhandara, Seoni and Chanda good progress was made. The Chief Commissioner observes with pleasure that the Settlement Officer, Bhandara, has been very successful in introducing into the less advanced tracts of that district the simplified procedure for the classification of soils and the fixation of rents which was first tried with good results in Betul. Considerable progress has been made in the issue of revised settlement instructions intended to replace the Settlement Code, which has largely become obsolete.

11. The Chief Commissioner has noted the names of the officers mentioned by the Financial Commissioner in paragraph 23 of his report, and he records his thanks to all ranks of officers for the good work done by them in the most exacting year since the great famines. He also thanks the Hon'ble Mr. Crump for his efficient control of the land revenue administration and in particular for his help and advice in all matters concerning famine and scarcity.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution and its annexures be submitted to the Government of India in the Department of Revenue and Agriculture; that copies be forwarded to all Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners, the Commissioner of Settlements and Director of Land Records and Settlement Officers; and that the Resolution be published in the Supplement to the *Central Provinces Gazette.*

J. F. DYER,

Third Secretary to the Chief Commissioner,

Central Provinces.

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1. The instructions for the preparation of the annual revenue report lay down that the report should contain an account of the monsoon and the outturn of the principal crops; as this subject has already been dealt with in detail in the Annual Season and Crop Report, it will suffice in this report, if I give a very brief account of the conditions of the year as affecting the agricultural population.

2. The marked feature of the monsoon, on which the success of the crops depends, was the long break in July followed by the failure of the late monsoon after the second week of September.

The early promise of a good monsoon led to a slight increase in the area sown with kharif crops, but with the exception of cotton and irrigated rice, the outturn of these crops was less than half the normal. The loss due to the drought was increased by the effects of the serious outbreak of influenza which began in August and lasted till December, for in addition to the high loss of life, which has been estimated in some tracts at 10 per cent of the population or more, cultivators and labourers were incapacitated for long periods from work, and in the absence of weeding and watching, the kharif crops suffered further damage.

Owing to the drought and the epidemic of influenza, which was at its height when labour was needed for the preparation of land and the sowing of wheat and gram, the area sown with rabi crops fell 30 per cent below that of the previous year, but good cold weather rains improved the outturn, and though the area was restricted, the actual harvest proved much better than was at first expected, and the wheat crop in the Nerbudda valley districts was almost a record one.

Condition of the agricultural classes.

3. Owing to the large exports of previous years, the failure of the kharif crops caused a further rise in the price of all food-grains; and this, combined with the epidemic of influenza and the general high cost of living, caused much distress among the smaller cultivators and the labouring classes, with the result that relief measures were found necessary in 12 districts. These will be described in detail in the report on the famine relief measures of the year, and it will suffice to say here that liberal suspensions of revenue and rents, large grants of takavi and the starting of relief works, together with the opening of Government forests for the extraction of headloads of grass and fuel and of edible products, enabled the people to weather the storm, while the power of recuperation which they subsequently exhibited surprised even those who knew them best. Labour was scarce, largely owing to the heavy influenza mortality, and so commanded high wages. In fact, many of the relief works which were opened failed to attract the number of workers which was expected. Such cultivators as were fortunate enough to reap a good rabi crop made large profits from the high prices which they were able to secure, and in the cotton tracts the prosperity of recent years was fully maintained by the unexpectedly large crop which was picked and the very high rates which prevailed. Local stocks, however, were seriously depleted, but the situation was eased by the controlled import of rice from Bengal, Rangoon and Chhattisgarh, and the opening of cheap grain shops afforded further relief. A considerable reduction was also effected in the price of kerosene oil and salt by the control which was undertaken by local bodies. The Commissioner of the Jubbulpore division considers, however, that it will be many years before the districts of that division recover their normal agricultural prosperity. Apart from influenza, cholera prevailed in many districts, particularly in Jubbulpore, but the year was comparatively free from plague. Cattle disease appeared in a sporadic form over most of the province, but was nowhere severe, though in Betul mortality was high owing to the scarcity of fodder. In a year like this, there is always a danger of the malguzars of aboriginal castes parting with their villages owing to temporary difficulties, and it is satisfactory to find that in Mandla the Central Provinces Land Alienation Act, II of 1916, has been the means of preventing ill-considered transfers by aboriginal owners in temporary difficulties.

Landlords and tenants.

4. Landlords are reported on the whole to have looked after their tenants well in what was a very trying year. The Deputy Commissioner of Betul, however, reports that the conditions of the newly announced wajib-ul-arz regarding forest produce and the right of pasture have caused some discontent amongst proprietors, especially owing to the extremely high and tempting prices of forest produce that prevailed during the year, but the necessary action has been taken to enforce these rights, which both in this district and elsewhere were not always sufficiently set forth in the earlier wajib-ul-arz. In Drug some malguzars, who notoriously oppressed their Chamar tenants, were dealt with under the criminal law.

Attitude of the people towards Government, Associations and Societies.

5. The relations between the people and Government remained cordial, and the relief measures taken by Government to mitigate distress, particularly during the influenza epidemic, undoubtedly made a deep impression, while the organisation of cheap grain shops and the control of kerosene oil and salt brought home to the poorer people especially that Government was solicitous of their interests. The co-operative credit movement continued to expand, and the Deputy Commissioner of Jubbulpore writes that the Jubbulpore co-operative stores appear from the first to have captured the popular fancy and are likely to prove a great success, though they suffer at present from lack of capital. The activities of the Agriculture Department have been further extended during the year, and progress, if not fast, has at least been steady. An experimental farm was opened at Chandangaon, 2 miles from Chhindwara, while another was started at Bamori Regwan, 5 miles north of Saugor. In Damoh, where nine leading malguzars have opened their own seed farms, the area sown with pure seed was double that of the preceding year. In the Chhindwara district an agricultural class has been opened in the Chaurai vernacular middle school, and the practical instruction given there is much appreciated by the people. The cultivation of groundnut increased in the Raipur district, and there was also a demand there for sugar-crushing mills, but owing to the dearth of raw materials only a few could be supplied. The Veterinary Department has made noticeable progress in Jubbulpore, where a veterinary assistant, who was specially deputed for the purpose, succeeded in castrating as many as 1,669 inferior bulls, and in Chanda, where inoculation for rinderpest is reported as now being freely resorted to by the people. In the Nagpur district an attempt has been made to encourage literate mukaddams to make spontaneous reports of cattle disease by providing them with printed reporting forms, instead of leaving it entirely to the patwari, and this practice might perhaps be extended to other districts.

Destruction of pig.

6. In many districts of the province the damage done to the crops by wild animals, and especially by pig is serious, and the only remedy that has so far met with success, is a systematic campaign for their destruction. The most usual method adopted continues to be the granting of gun licenses conditionally on the production of tushes, and it has enjoyed a fair success. The Deputy Commissioner, Jubbulpore, believes that the problem will be settled by the new Arms Act, but the Deputy Commissioner, Saugor, on the other hand, considers, and his opinion is supported by others, that the number of licenses hitherto granted would be adequate if the guns were used against the pig, and mentions the instance of a mukaddam who expressed to him the hope that his license would be renewed, for he had failed to purchase any tushes, although he had made every effort to do so. Other Deputy Commissioners also report that many licensees do little in the way of destroying pig. Chanda is the district in which the people have shown most enterprise, and 5,723 pig were killed there during the year. Of this number, license-holders were responsible for 2,691 ; the remainder were killed in organised beats for which advances were given to selected Local Board members.

Statistics of area and rent.

7. Owing to the character of the season there was little demand for land, and the area held by tenants, which has been steadily rising during recent years, fell again to the level attained in 1916-17, the fall being general to all parts of the province. Only a small

portion of the land abandoned passed into the cultivation of malguzars, for while the tenant area fell by over thirty-eight thousand acres, the home-farm only increased by seven thousand.

Owing to the revision of rents at settlement, the rental demand showed a substantial rise in the province as a whole, but the increase was only in the nominal demand, as owing to the failure of the crops large suspensions of revenue, which carry with them a corresponding suspension of rent, were sanctioned in all districts where there was a serious failure of the crops. The statements submitted do not give details of the amount of rent suspended and remitted, and it is therefore impossible to state the exact demand which fell due for collection during the year on current account. The existence of collections on account of arrears also always prevents a clear examination of the state of the tenant's account of rent, but it is remarkable that in spite of the bad crops, with a full demand of over one hundred and fifty-eight lakhs of rupees as much as one hundred and twenty-two lakhs is shown as having been paid, or only 14 lakhs less than in the previous year. These payments, no doubt, include arrears converted into bonds, of which no details are available, and without much more elaborate statistics, which would be difficult to obtain a detailed examination of the figures of rental collections is of little value.

It is, however, important to note that in the districts of Saugor, Narsinghpur, Hoshangabad, Chhindwara, Wardha and Nagpur the total collection on account of the current demand and arrears was much greater than in the previous year owing to the success of the staple crops of these districts and the high prices prevailing, while collections in the rice districts were much below the figures of that year.

Land revenue collections.

8. Owing to the revision of assessments at settlement in the districts of Bhandara, Seoni and Betul, and to the introduction of certain progressive enhancements in Raipur and Bilaspur the demand on account of land revenue on the roll showed an increase of a little under a lakh of rupees, but the demand for collection was reduced by the remission of about a lakh and a half and the suspension of over twenty lakhs of rupees, the greater part of the relief being given in the districts of Damoh, Jubbulpore, Betul, Bhandara, Balaghat, Raipur, Drug and Bilaspur. The net demand for collection was thus reduced to Rs. 89,21,026, but after the close of the year the action of the Deputy Commissioner of Hoshangabad in allowing further suspensions of revenue, which had not been previously reported, was approved, and a further deduction of Rs. 1,934 should be made on this account. With this adjustment the unsuspended balance of land revenue in arrears at the close of the year was only Rs. 5,346 on account of the year under report and Rs. 99 on account of previous years.

Though the results on the whole are satisfactory, they were not obtained without recourse to an increase in the coercive processes issued, but imprisonment of defaulters in the civil jail was necessary only in two cases, both in the Jubbulpore district, and in only seven cases were sales of movable property attached carried out.

In my last two years' reports I have drawn attention to the misuse of the process of taking villages under direct management for the recovery of arrears of land revenue, and requested Commissioners to examine the cases to see whether the action taken was justified. The Commissioner of the Nerbudda division reports that he is recommending the sale of the two villages under direct management for arrears in Nimar. Two more cases are reported this year from Hoshangabad, in one of which, where the defaulter lives in Rajputana and has no movable proprety in the village, sale of the village for arrears would have been much more suitable. In the other case, where the defaulter is a minor, the action taken was probably correct.

Raiyatwari estates.

9. The raiyatwari estates are most important in the districts of Mandla, Seoni, Nimar, Betul, Chanda and Balaghat, and as the areas contain much poor land, it is not surprising to find that the area abandoned exceeds the area allotted during the year. With high

prices and poor crops, it does not pay a raiyat to retain poor land which needs a resting fallow, and the Deputy Commissioner of Mandla is no doubt correct in giving this as the reason for the fall in the occupied area.

In the Nimar district, the subletting of land by raiyats is on the increase, and the lowness of the revenue compared with the value of the land is shown by the fact that whereas the average revenue rate is only Re. 0-7-5, no less than 9,735 acres has been sublet for Rs. 26,389 compared with 9,233 acres sublet in the year 1917-18 for Rs. 17,473. The question of subletting requires attention from the Deputy Commissioner in this district, as it is not the intention of Government that raiyatwari land should pass into the hands of absentee landlords. An allotment of about thirty-seven thousand rupees was made to Commissioners for the improvement of Government estates, and twenty-four thousand five hundered rupees was spent. The greater part of the money was devoted to the important measure of improving the water-supply of villages, without which their establishment is impossible, but in the Mandla district in the past the policy of opening out the country by the construction of fair weather roads has been adopted. The Commissioner has, however, now decided, and I think rightly, that this work should be left to the District Council, and that no further expenditure of this kind should be met from the grant for the improvement of Government estates. The water-supply in many of the raiyatwari villages in Mandla is defective, and the funds available can be spent more usefully in its improvement. The revenue from raiyatwari villages forms the greater part of the land revenue not on the roll, and the demand on current account fell by over ninety thousand rupees to Rs. 4,63,473. Of this Rs. 1,11,476 were suspended and under fifteen thousand rupees of the demand of the year due for collection remained in arrears. The balance of previous years amounted to Rs. 81,132, nearly the whole of which has been suspended. Considering the character of the year the collections in raiyatwari villages have been good.

Loans.

10. In a year of scarcity, one of the principal measures of relief is the grant of loans under the Land Improvement Loans and Agriculturists' Loans Acts, and the demand for loans of both classes was very great. An allotment of over forty-three and a half lakhs of rupees was placed at the disposal of Deputy Commissioners, to provide the agriculturists with seed and bullocks, and over thirty-one lakhs of rupees was paid out. The large lapse is only apparent, as allotments are made by the financial year and the statements attached to this report are for the revenue year ending the 30th September. The amount undisbursed on that date was distributed in the succeeding months. Though liberal suspensions were granted in respect of loans which fell due for recovery, in all areas where the crops failed, over five lakhs of rupees were paid up on account of loans under the Agriculturists' Loans Act, but as the balance outstanding on account of these loans at the close of the year had increased by nearly twenty-six lakhs, the rate of interest recovered was under 2 per cent, or much less than that which is charged to the provincial loans account. The interest on the loans advanced during the year will, however, be recovered during the current and succeeding years, and as there has been a substantial profit during former years, there is no ground for raising the rate of interest payable by cultivators owing to the loss sustained in a single year.

Over twelve and a half lakhs of rupees were advanced as loans under the Land Improvement Loans Act, but in the Jubbulpore district, where the advances amounted to one lakh forty thousand, a part will be written off as famine expenditure, as large sums were advanced as loans to provide employment for the labouring classes in the Murwara tahsil, the most affected part of the district. These adjustments will not appear till the accounts of the current year are made up, and as interest on the advances made during the year did not fall due for recovery, the accounts show, as in the case of loans under the Agriculturists' Loans Act, a loss on the working of the year, which however is fully covered by profits made in previous years.

Allenation of land.

11. The number of sales of proprietary rights of villages or parts of villages by private negotiation fell from 1,715 to 1,662, and those by order of the court from 288 to 247, though in the latter there was a slight increase in the area affected. In private sales the multiple of land revenue obtained increased from 29·3 to 30, and in sales ordered by the court it fell from 16·9 to 14·5. In Bilaspur the average multiple for private sales was as high as 61.

Partition cases.

12. The number of partition cases instituted during the year rose from 259 to 289, the increase being chiefly in Jubbulpore, Hoshangabad and Bilaspur. One hundred and two villages were actually partitioned, and the number of cases pending at the close of the year was 190, as compared with 164 for last year, the oldest case of all dating only from October 1916, and this has been delayed by a reference to the civil court.

Cases under the special provisions of the Land Revenue and Tenancy Acts.

13. The number of applications from lambardars for the recovery of arrears of land revenue fell from 561 to 524. Chanda alone was responsible for 290, and the Commissioner considers that these cases were entertained too readily and without sufficient proof that the applicants had made all reasonable efforts to collect the revenue themselves. How many of these cases were successful is not disclosed in the Deputy Commissioner's report. Applications to eject tenants for arrears of rent fell from 1,657 to 1,265, the decrease, which is mainly confined to the Jubbulpore and Chhattisgarh divisions, being ascribed to the high prices of produce in the former and to the suspension of rents in the latter. There were 517 applications to transfer *sir* land, the same number as last year, and those to set aside transfers by occupany and ordinary tenants fell from 359 to 303. Nineteen applications by landlords to enhance rent because of improvements made by them were preferred during the year, all in the Jubbulpore division.

Rent suits.

14. The number of suits for arrears of rent brought by landlords fell from 11,148 to 9,311, Nagpur district again being easily first with 1,738 as compared with 1,973 last year. Nagpur and Wardha are practically the only districts in which rent decrees are executed by distraint of crops, the number of cases in these two districts being 187 and 406 out of a provincial total of 607. The practice appears to have fallen out of use in Bhandara.

Land acquisition.

15. The land for the Central Provinces University has now been acquired and the valuation of the houses standing thereon is ready, but the case is pending a final decision regarding the site for the re-settlement of those who are to be evicted from the University area. The compensation paid during the year amounted to Rs. 2,90,438, the rates varying from Rs. 17-8-0 per acre in Ramtek to Rs. 425 per acre in Saoner for agricultural land and from Re. 0-1-0 to Rs. 3-8-0 per square foot in Nagpur City for building sites. In Raipur the Special Land Acquisition Officer for land required for irrigation purposes disposed of 37 cases and settled distributary crossings extending over 10 miles. In Drug the Special Officer disposed of 45 cases. Balaghat has still a heavy pending file of 63, but it is hoped to dispose of most of the cases very shortly, now that the patwaris are back from settlement work and available for the purpose.

Collectors' cases.

16. The number of cases in which the civil courts ordered the sale of landed property fell from 2,985 to 2,522, and the pending file remained at 1,510. In 949 of the cases sale was averted by payment of the claim, *i.e.*, a percentage of 37·6 as compared with 34·5 for last year. Out of the 47 cases in which sale was refused on the decree-holder declining to take a lease on reasonable terms, 46 were in the Nagpur division and 39 of those in the Nagpur district. In 63 cases sale was averted by temporary alienation of the land, an increase of 3 on last year.

General revenue business.

17. The total number of cases instituted during the year was 97,917, an increase of about 63 per cent, which was due to the large distribution of takavi, the new income-tax procedure, and the heavy mortality from influenza, which caused a large rise in the number of lambardar, mukaddam, kotwar and mutation cases. The number of cases pending at the close of the year was 9,278 against 5,268 of last year, which is not unsatisfactory considering that Revenue Officers had to deal with a much larger number of cases and were busy with scarcity, food control and the influenza epidemic in addition to their ordinary duties. The volume of revenue correspondence remained more or less unaltered.

Lambardars, mukaddams and kotwars.

18. The lambardari system is again reported to have worked well on the whole, and the Commissioners of the Jubbulpore and Nagpur divisions both mention that there is frequently keen competition for the post of sadar lambardar, which should lead to greater punctuality in the payment of revenue. The work of mukaddams also has been generally satisfactory, except that the Deputy Commissioner, Narsinghpur, writes that owing to undue leniency in the past the mukaddams and gumashtas of that district have very largely neglected their duties. In the Saugor district and in the Dhamtari tahsil of the Raipur district complaints are made that the men appointed mukaddam gumastas, are inadequately paid and unfit for their duties, but, as the Commissioner of the Jubbulpore division points out, Revenue Officers have power to deal with this by insisting on the selection of suitable men with proper remuneration, when they approve the appointment under section 190 (2) of the Land Revenue Act, II of 1917.

Kotwars, too, are said to have conducted themselves, and the Deputy Commissioner, Nimar, has recorded that they stood up like men in the influenza epidemic and did their work most pluckily till they dropped. In Narsinghpur, however, they are said to have neglected their duties, while in Saugor a large number of both mukaddams and kotwars were punished in an attempt to secure the better reporting of crime and to put down the harbouring of dacoits. Generally speaking, kotwars had a hard time during the year, and a considerable number of them received gratuitous relief from Government.

Touring and inspection.

19. The amount of touring done by officers during the year was generally adequate, except in Narsinghpur; in fact, owing to the conditions which prevailed, there was more touring than usual. Inspections also were sufficient.

Financial Commissioner.

20. The office of Financial Commissioner was held by Sir James Walker, K.C.I.E., from the beginning of the year to the 30th October 1918, and by me for the remainder of the year. Sixty-three appeals were disposed of, four of which were successful. Sixty-six applications for revision were dealt with, and in five of these the order of the lower court was set aside. Orders were passed on 177 applications for sanction to transfer *sir* land.

Land Records.

21. The report of the Director of Land Records shows that the work of the staff has been satisfactory and that village papers have been filed with fair punctuality in most districts; the delay, which occurred in Mandla, Jubbulpore, Bilaspur and Drug, is attributed partly to sickness and partly to scarcity operations. Revised patwari halkabandis were sanctioned for the Jubbulpore and Hoshangabad districts from the 1st April 1919, but the introduction of the new arrangements had to be postponed in the former owing to famine work. The scheme for placing the patwari staff into four grades and increasing their pay has been extended to five more districts and will be introduced into the remaining three districts on the 1st April 1920. The pony and contingent allowances of Revenue Inspectors were raised from Rs. 10 and 8 annas per mensem to Rs. 15 and Re. 1 per mensem respectively.

Two additional posts of Tahsildars were created so as to place the land records of Damoh and Narsinghpur, like those of all other districts, under the charge of an officer of the standing of a Superintendent of Land Records. The

limiting of the recruitment of Revenue Inspectors to the experienced settlement staff is said to be undoubtedly giving men of a better stamp, and good conduct allowances have been freely recommended and granted during the year. A Deputy Director has been appointed for the Chhattisgarh division, so that there is now one allotted to each division to supervise the correct maintenance of maps and records, and the inspections and checks carried out by these officers in the Nagpur and Nerbudda divisions have resulted in a great improvement in the record work as well as in the discipline of the staff. In spite of the conditions of the year, the amount of checking done by Deputy Commissioners and their Assistants has increased in most districts, as has also that done by Tahsildars and their Naibs. The number of punishments of patwaris was practically the same as last year, their chief faults being neglect of duty and non-residence in their circles, but the standard of discipline has, on the whole, not been unsatisfactory.

Settlements.

22. Settlement work was in progress in the Bhandara, Seoni, Betul and Chanda districts. A heavy programme of field work was completed in the Bhandara and Seoni districts. In Bhandara the simplified system of soil classification and the fixation of rents on the spot, which was first tried in Betul last year, was adopted in the more backward parts and was most successful. It is interesting to note that objections to the Settement Officer's proposals were very much fewer in those villages in which it was employed than in the others.

In Betul the attestation of Bhainsdehi tahsil was suspended for a year owing to crop failure, and influenza brought the work almost to a standstill in October, but a large programme of office work was successfully carried out. In Chanda the attestation work and inspection of Warora tahsil was nearly finished. Map correction was in progress only in the Chanda district, and, in spite of dislocation of work through sickness and scarcity, was completed for 541 villages.

23. Even in the districts in which there was no failure of crops, the influenza epidemic and the high cost of living threw an unusual burden of responsibility on Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners, and I take this opportunity of recording my obligation to them for their good work in this trying time. Among Deputy Commissioners I am especially indebted to Messrs. Wilson and Mathias in Jubbulpore, to Mr. Turner in Raipur, and to Mr. Clarke in Nagpur, whose work was particularly heavy during the year.

I also bring to the notice of the Chief Commissioner for good work during the year the following officers, whose work has been favourably mentioned in the district reports :—

Assistant Commissioners.

Nagpur Division	...	Mr. R. M. Crofton, I.C.S.
Chhattisgarh Division	...	„ C. M. Trivedi, I.C.S.

Extra-Assistant Commissioners.

Jubbulpore Division	...	Khan Bahadur Elijah Jacob. Mr. D. C. Anketell. „ W. R. Mandloi. „ D. D. Dadimaster.
Nerbudda Division	...	Rao Bahadur Sitaram Ramchandra Pandit. Mr. Kundan Lal.
Nagpur Division	...	Mr. W. G. Slaney. Rai Bahadur Panda Baijnath. Mr. B. B. Kekre. „ Fazlul Karim Khan.

Chhattisgarh Division	...	Mr. Ahmed Husain. „ K. E. J. Sanjana. „ Gouri Shankar Agnihotri. „ Ramanuj Prasad. „ R. J. Bailey.

Tahsildars.

Jubbulpore Division	...	Mr. Lakshmi Prasad. „ Jawahir Lall. „ Aduram Choudhri. „ Abdul Rahim Khan. „ Hanuman Prasad.
Nerbudda Division	...	Rai Sahib Chandra Bhushan Lal.
Nagpur Division	...	Mr. M. M. Joglekar. „ Nanhuram Singh. „ S. Hazarilal. „ D. M. Barwe. „ S. Venkatramayya.
Chhattisgarh Division	...	Mr. Raghunath Prasad. „ Iwaz Ali. „ Rajeshwar Yadao.

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Central Provinces and Berar.

The 13th May 1920.

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Loans made under the Land Improvement Loans Act and Agriculturists' Loans Act.

I.—*Account of the Local Government with the Government of India for the Central Provinces during the revenue year ending the 30th September* 1919.

Heads.	Amount advanced to the Local Government by the Government of India.			Interest payable for the year by the Local Government to the Government of India at different rates on mean outstanding.
	Outstanding at the commencement of the year.	Outstanding at the close of the year.	Mean outstanding.	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Land Improvement Loans Act ...	4,53,420	15,97,859	10,25,639	49,402
Agriculturists' Loans Act ...	8,07,477	28,94,327	18,50,901	1,00,440
Total both Acts ...	12,60,897	44,92,186	28,76,540	1,49,842

II.—*Account of Local Government with Agriculturist borrowers.*

		Land Improvement Loans Act.	Agriculturists' Loans Act.	Total both Acts.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Principal ...	Outstanding at commencement of the year ...	(a) 4,45,341	(a) 8,07,080	(a) 12,52,421
	Advanced during the year ...	12,54,724	31,13,704	43,68,428
	Total advanced ...	17,00,065	39,20,784	56,20,849
	Amount due for collection within the year (including arrears) ..	1,68,127	8,31,711	9,99,838
	Remitted during the year ...	153	163	316
	Collected during the year ...	(b) 84,725	(b) 5,37,252	(b) 6,21,977
	Total remitted and collected ...	84,878	5,37,415	6,22,293
	Balance outstanding at the end of the year ...	16,15,187	33,83,369	49,98,556
	Amount suspended by competent authority ...	80,045	2,28,316	3,08,361
	Amount overdue ...	10,290	75,582	85,872
Interest ...	Arrears of interest suspended and overdue at the commencement of the year.	(a) 4,937	(a) 1,11,582	(a) 16,519
	Interest falling due within the year ...	26,625	53,260	79,885
	Total interest for collection within the year ...	31,562	64,842	96,404
	Remitted during the year ...	69	...	69
	Collected during the year ...	15,090	37,920	53,010
	Total remitted and collected ..	15,159	37,920	53,079
	Suspended by competent authority ...	8,758	11,103	19,861
	Arrears of interest overdue at the end of the year ...	7,645	15,819	23,464
Total Principal and Interest.	Remitted during the year ...	222	163	385
	Collected during the year ...	99,815	5,75,172	6,74,987
	Under suspension at the end of the year ..	88,803	2,39,419	3,28,222
	Overdue at the end of the year ...	17,935	91,401	1,09,336

III.—*Financial results of Loan operations to Local Government for the revenue year ending the 30th September* 1919.

		Land Improvement Loans Act.	Agriculturists' Loans Act.	Total both Acts.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1.	Interest payable for the year by the Local Government to the Government of India ...	49,402	1,00,440	1,49,842
2.	Interest collected during the year	15,526	37,744	53,270
3.	Balance of interest accruing to the Local Government, *i. e.*, difference between (1) and (2).	—33,876	—62,696	—96,572
4.	Remissions of principal during the year	9,295	163	9,458
5.	Net result (profit or loss) for the year 1918-19	—43,171	—62,859	—1,06,030
6.	Net result for previous years ... 1917-18	+17,075	—20,653	—3,578
	1916-17	+28,153	+20,671	+48,824
	1915-16	+40,813	+44,285	+85,098
	1914-15	+26,404	+27,417	+53,821
	1913-14	— 7,690	—22,679	—30,369
7.	Expenditure on free grants-in-aid towards the construction of private protective works or on establishments for well-boring or other outlay incurred from current revenue in connection with takavi transactions.	...	...	...

NOTE.—The differences between the Accountant-General's figures and the departmental figures are due to the fact that the Commissioners accounts are made up to the 30th September and the Accountant-General's accounts to the 31st March, the differences being reconciled at the end of the financial year.

(a) Last year's figures were wrong.

(b) Includes advance collections on account of principal not yet fallen due:—

	Rs.
Land Improvement Loans Act	7,086
Agriculturists' Loans Act	9,602
Total ...	16,688

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STATEMENT A.—Showing the area held by the several classes of Landlords agricultural year

(1).—DETAILS OF

Districts.	Total area included in holdings.	Land held by malguzars.			Land held by
		Area held as sir.	Area cultivated other than sir.	Percentage of occupied area held by malguzars.	Number of holdings.
1	2	3	4	5	6
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.		
Saugor	1,223,170	144,468	73,583	17·83	4,190
Damoh	748,847	94,444	42,497	18·29	3,751
Jubbulpore	1,437,851	156,499	85,258	17·00	11,039
Mandla	873,882	36,924	42,541	11·00	331
Seoni	1,009,666	151,533	98,881	25·00	634
Total Jubbulpore Division ...	5,293,416	583,868	342,760	17·82	19,945
Narsinghpur	741,370	88,366	40,463	17·38	1,080
Hoshangabad ... Khalsa ...	1,198,996	191,156	82,292	22·81	4,127
Hoshangabad ... Jagir ...	8,537	658	165	9·62	...
Nimar	791,844	58,044	26,551	10·68	15,675
Betul	1,091,028	78,038	41,972	11·00	532
Chhindwara ... Khalsa ...	996,681	135,881	91,139	22·78	469
Chhindwara ... Jagir ...	290,819	13,665	6,881	7·06	1
Total Nerbudda Division ...	5,119,275	565,808	289,463	16·70	18,884
Wardha	1,180,705	155,734	88,871	20·72	4,705
Nagpur	1,626,732	204,734	71,190	16·96	10,116
Chanda ... Khalsa ...	986,916	85,577	32,571	12·00	5,958
Chanda ... Zamindari ...	143,403	8,820	5,102	10·00	91
Bhandara ... Khalsa ...	657,997	107,883	24,957	20·19	5,138
Bhandara ... Zamindari ...	351,656	49,389	14,798	18·25	584
Balaghat ... Khalsa ...	481,148	76,869	22,341	20·62	1,658
Balaghat ... Zamindari ...	131,400	18,434	3,776	16·90	67
Total Nagpur Division ..	5,559,957	707,440	263,606	17·41	28,311
Raipur ... Khalsa ...	1,590,094	203,937	201,197	25·00	1,871
Raipur ... Zamindari ...	976,910	93,324	62,551	16·00	14
Bilaspur ... Khalsa ...	1,305,645	172,695	134,283	23·00	6,368
Bilaspur ... Zamindari ...	665,241	68,367	28,455	15·00	78
Drug ... Khalsa ...	1,304,358	231,543	157,520	29·83	1,562
Drug ... Zamindari ...	461,789	51,528	26,824	16·97	200
Total Chhattisgarh Division ...	6,304,037	821,395	610,830	22·75	10,093
GRAND TOTAL ...	22,276,685	2,678,511	1,506,659	18·78	77
For preceding year ...	22,308,268	2,653,933	1,524,137	18·73	76,643

and Tenants and also the rental in each District of the Central Provinces during the ending the 31st May 1919.

PROPRIETORS.

malik-makbuzas.		Land held completely or partially revenue-free.				Total area held by proprietors, *i. e.*, total of columns 3, 4, 7 and 10.	Remarks.
Area.	Revenue assessed.	Number of holdings.	Area.	Revenue assigned (not for realization).	Revenue demanded (for realization).		
7	8	9	10	11	11(*a*)	12	13
Acres.	Rs.		Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Acres.	
42,920	52,252	839	7,978	8,960	45	268,949	
31,024	29,483	126	1,935	2,412	...	169,900	
56,024	66,819	712	3,411	6,879	696	301,192	
3,070	1,527	21	34	15	...	82,569	
8,045	6,033	3	83	46	17	258,542	
141,083	1,56,114	1,701	13,441	18,312	758	1,081,152	
16,809	20,456	145	1,836	1,767	611	147,474	
26,125	34,329	64	951	1,856	12	300,524	
...	...	...	...	...	...	823	
176,289	2,47,660	1,264	21,344	39,094	1,755	282,228	
8,033	4,049	66	2,254	378	966	130,297	
5,448	5,914	218	2,129	1,574	1,134	234,597	
17	4	...	...	...	...	20,563	
232,721	3,12,403	1,757	28,514	44,669	4,478	1,116,506	
51,472	77,538	399	5,453	10,707	55	301,530	
108,352	2,40,671	487	8,584	18,163	365	392,860	
74,806	43,998	418	7,876	2,689	1,484	200,830	
2,601	960	...	...	...	...	16,523	
50,342	61,429	41	509	659	123	183,691	
7,828	6,207	....	...	...	...	72,015	
17,537	22,241	3	5	7	...	116,752	
1,469	1,874	...	...	...	...	23,679	
314,407	4,54,919	1,348	22,427	31,725	2,027	1,307,880	
5,938	3,920	21	654	504	...	411,726	
76	...	...	...	...	..	155,951	
28,192	21,516	7	167	...	...	335,338	
838	521	...	...	...	...	97,660	
7,707	5,012	16	131	62	13	396,901	
7,277	1,866	...	...	...	...	85,629	
50,028	32,835	44	952	566	13	1,483,205	
738,239	9,56,271	4,850	65,234	95,272	7,276	4,988,743	
736,134	9,23,189	4,764	66,332	97,134	7,453	4,989,536	

STATEMENT A.—Showing the area held by the several classes of Landlords and Tenants, year ending the

(2).—DETAILS

Districts.	Land held by absolute-occupancy tenants.				Land held by occupancy tenants.				Land held in ordinary tenant right by tenants of other classes.		
	Number of holdings.	Area.	Rent.	Incidence per acre.	Number of holdings.	Area.	Rent.	Incidence per acre.	Area.	Rent.	Incidence per acre.
1	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Acres.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.		Acres.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.
Saugor ...	19,707	153,353	2,29,973	1 8 0	33,967	222,461	2,95,282	1 5 3	151,153	1,68,060	1 1 9
Damoh ...	18,791	112,395	1,42,481	1 4 3	23,143	118,853	1,39,319	1 2 9	89,084	96,584	1 1 4
Jubbulpore ...	28,363	193,005	3,16,385	1 10 3	45,718	267,038	3,73,524	1 6 5	203,945	1,98,220	0 15 7
Mandla ...	1,352	10,877	10,137	0 15 1	5,246	62,414	40,031	0 10 3	81,218	29,725	0 5 10
Seoni ...	3,033	40,701	42,374	1 0 8	12,056	150,322	1,31,430	0 14 0	105,306	70,808	0 10 9
Total Jubbulpore Division ...	71,246	510,331	7,41,450	1 7 2	119,130	821,088	9,79,586	1 3 1	630,706	5,63,397	0 14 3
Narsinghpur ...	12,156	137,908	2,33,522	1 11 1	22,891	165,355	2,74,805	1 10 7	65,961	1,13,261	1 11 5
Hoshangabad ... Khalsa ...	17,082	273,975	4,55,849	1 10 8	26,935	308,392	4,67,614	1 8 3	84,353	1,13,571	1 5 7
Hoshangabad ... Jagir ...	...	...	...	...	206	2,398	1,451	0 9 8	452	296	0 10 6
Nimar ...	499	5,540	5,714	1 0 6	38,171	491,378	3,95,013	0 12 10	...	...	...
Betul ...	10,603	157,955	1,21,114	0 12 3	26,399	343,247	1,81,403	0 8 5	98,128	39,486	0 6 6
Chhindwara ... Khalsa ...	10,347	99,378	1,42,000	1 6 10	30,908	266,596	2,28,840	0 13 9	131,284	64,070	0 7 9
Chhindwara ... Jagir ...	...	...	...	...	2,805	70,130	16,943	0 3 10	30,918	8,284	0 4 3
Total Nerbudda Division ...	50,687	674,756	9,58,199	1 6 9	148,315	1,647,496	15,66,069	0 15 2	411,096	3,39,068	0 13 2
Wardha ...	10,974	156,362	2,14,910	1 5 11	26,807	403,670	4,82,722	1 3 2	64,432	66,652	1 0 7
Nagpur ...	21,729	247,455	4,43,311	1 12 8	39,676	549,948	7,87,720	1 6 11	89,491	1,03,705	1 2 6
Chanda ... Khalsa ...	10,208	112,001	74,540	0 10 8	68,929	655,914	4,22,342	0 10 4	79	109	1 6 1
Chanda ... Zamindari ...	197	2,012	997	0 7 11	13,638	121,161	44,233	0 5 10	...	...	...
Bhandara ... Khalsa ...	8,129	71,992	92,007	1 4 5	21,967	199,146	2,37,371	1 3 1	45,300	45,290	1 0 0
Bhandara ... Zamindari ...	2,617	24,392	23,695	0 15 6	10,741	84,648	82,598	0 15 7	27,852	22,852	0 13 2
Balaghat ... Khalsa ...	5,024	44,932	69,311	1 8 8	18,825	120,096	1,69,888	1 6 8	38,408	45,815	1 3 1
Balaghat ... Zamindari ...	864	7,760	12,243	1 9 3	4,418	33,635	51,626	1 8 7	10,244	13,885	1 5 8
Total Nagpur Division ...	59,742	656,906	9,31,014	1 6 4	205,001	2,168,218	22,78,500	1 0 9	275,806	2,98,308	1 1 3
Raipur ... Khalsa ...	18,300	139,059	1,23,435	0 14 2	48,989	369,402	3,23,014	0 14 0	170,559	1,34,902	0 12 8
Raipur ... Zamindari ...	...	...	...	...	19,020	245,428	61,215	0 4 0	26,088	8,771	0 5 5
Bilaspur ... Khalsa ...	19,916	80,915	68,332	0 13 6	78,162	366,558	2,34,996	0 10 3	163,068	1,24,687	0 12 2
Bilaspur ... Zamindari ...	...	...	...	...	11,387	98,829	59,035	0 9 7	54,526	32,909	0 6 8
Drug ... Khalsa ...	17,750	146,615	1,28,644	0 14 0	35,703	317,479	2,78,843	0 14 1	124,420	1,04,527	0 13 2
Drug ... Zamindari ...	96	2,009	708	0 5 8	12,257	189,685	68,592	0 5 10	19,853	13,312	0 10 8
Total Chhattisgarh Division ...	56,062	368,598	3,21,109	0 13 10	205,518	1,587,381	10,25,695	0 10 4	558,974	4,09,108	0 11 9
GRAND TOTAL ...	2,37,737	2,220,591	29,51,772	1 5 3	677,964	6,224,183	58,49,850	0 15 1	1,875,882	16,09,881	0 13 9
For preceding year ...	234,300	2,224,892	28,93,710	1 4 10	672,944	6,238,923	57,78,081	0 14 10	1,868,507	15,76,953	0 13 6

and also the rental in each District of the Central Provinces during the agricultural 31st May 1919.—(Concld.)

OF TENANTS.

Land held by ordinary tenants.				Total of tenant area, i.e., total of columns 15, 19, 22 and 26.	Total rental, i.e., columns 16, 20, 23 and 27.	Incidence per acre.	Rents actually collected.		Land held rent-free.		Land held by Sub-tenants of sir land.		
Number of holdings.	Area.	Rent.	Incidence per acre.				On account of current year.	On account of previous year.	Area held as grant from proprietors.	Area held in lieu of service.	Number.	Area.	Rent demand.
25.	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38
	Acres.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.	Rs.	Rs.	Acres.	Acres.		Acres.	Rs.
60,235	399,482	5,17,824	1 4 9	926,449	12,11,139	1 4 11	8,43,598	3,35,738	18,111	9,661	6,093	31,188	72,904
42,587	246,114	5,16,091	1 4 7	566,446	6,94,475	1 3 7	3,82,630	1,23,358	8,335	5,156	3,260	19,719	75,864
103,423	469,188	5,34,446	1 2 6	1,126,176	14,22,575	1 4 3	8,51,712	1,58,115	...	10,483	9,832	53,148	1,31,854
46,492	626,205	2,33,512	0 6 0	780,714	3,13,505	0 6 5	2,51,356	27,694	4,210	6,389	1,788	8,402	5,110
55,662	447,152	3,24,681	0 11 7	743,481	5,69,293	0 12 3	...	...	5,005	2,658	5,481	26,071	28,760
308,399	2,181,141	19,26,554	0 14 1	4,143,266	42,10,987	1 2 7	23,29,296	6,44,905	35,661	38,337	27,058	115,532	3,14,492
27,012	207,641	6,60,233	1 11 7	576,865	9,81,521	1 11 2	7,50,764	2,25,251	8,016	9,015	3,666	32,285	1,73,570
26,980	225,706	2,94,131	1 4 10	892,426	13,31,165	1 7 10	8,95,065	4,34,989	...	6,046	4,617	48,111	2,26,804
766	4,781	2,800	0 9 4	7,631	4,547	0 9 6	912	795	...	83	23	185	225
8	190	760	4 0 0	497,108	4,01,487	0 12 10	2,89,488	71,244	4,110	8,398	1,018	10,017	47,589
35,812	348,357	1,41,917	0 6 9	947,687	4,86,920	0 8 3	1,18,869	14,625	3,018	20,026	1,348	10,049	25,262
40,585	263,869	1,52,481	0 9 3	761,118	5,87,391	0 12 4	4,35,568	28,864	...	986	4,678	25,784	28,686
21,448	168,069	50,850	0 4 10	269,108	76,117	0 4 6	28,755	6,818	...	2,168	499	3,502	2,484
141,611	1,218,595	10,06,212	0 13 2	3,951,943	38,69,548	0 15 11	25,19,521	7,82,586	15,144	35,682	13,760	119,775	5,04,660
13,206	249,380	2,48,500	0 15 11	873,844	10,12,784	1 2 7	8,54,984	2,90,809	4,330	1,001	3,699	38,848	3,77,180
26,572	330,735	3,55,088	1 1 2	1,217,629	16,89,824	1 4 2	14,57,235	3,07,967	...	16,243	4,149	50,525	1,83,773
86	422	519	1 3 8	768,416	4,97,510	0 10 4	3,90,089	67,089	11,122	6,548	3,590	21,197	55,933
...	...	...	...	123,173	45,230	0 5 10	29,110	1,036	1,123	2,584	417	2,124	2,876
25,951	154,736	1,61,111	1 1 0	471,214	5,38,779	1 2 4	3,35,950	43,616	2,162	930	2,252	21,026	1,13,687
29,685	140,655	1,03,551	0 11 9	277,547	2,32,696	0 13 5	36,741	25,538	1,674	480	1,016	9,305	32,825
39,857	159,479	1,90,315	1 3 1	362,915	4,75,329	1 4 11	3,30,519	20,246	1,151	330	4,286	16,936	86,114
10,617	55,051	55,113	1 1 2	106,650	1,36,867	1 4 6	37,054	5,816	974	57	1,018	6,474	46,281
141,671	1,090,498	11,21,197	1 0 5	4,201,428	46,29,019	1 1 8	34,71,682	9,55,917	22,556	28,113	19,367	167,370	8,98,669
70,148	473,159	3,98,894	0 13 6	1,151,959	9,80,235	0 13 7	4,34,279	40,403	8,967	17,442	16,016	28,549	58,375
41,583	517,967	1,85,187	0 5 9	789,483	2,55,173	0 5 2	1,49,476	2,746	7,762	23,714	20,309	31,910	63,835
93,361	330,389	2,56,502	0 12 5	940,930	6,84,517	0 11 8	2,95,864	13,411	15,459	13,918	4,387	24,838	87,757
54,001	309,822	1,75,171	0 7 0	553,177	2,57,115	0 7 5	49,001	7,301	4,887	9,517	2,832	21,892	10,812
68,953	301,849	2,71,715	0 14 4	890,363	7,83,729	0 14 1	4,46,804	25,603	11,661	5,433	9,740	20,950	42,458
13,613	158,640	89,035	0 8 11	370,167	1,71,647	0 7 5	70,286	1,386	4,607	2,386	2,517	13,750	19,809
341,654	2,181, 26	13,76,504	0 10 1	4,696,079	31,38,416	0 10 8	14,45,710	92,850	53,345	71,410	55,781	134,399	2,22,441
933,335	6,672,000	54,30,867	0 13 0	16,992,716	1,58,41,970	0 14 11	97,66,209	24,76,258	126,684	168,542	115,966	537,064	19,40,862
911,936	6,698,889	53,76,422	0 12 10	17,031,211	1,56,24,866	0 14 8	1,20,86,163	25,91,931	124,690	171,831	109,842	520,705	26,12,786

STATEMENT B-I.—Showing the progress made in the allotment of

Division.	District.	Total number of survey numbers, area and assessment in raiyatwari tract.			Previously allotted from commencement of settlement to the end of previous year.		
		Number of survey numbers.	Area.	Assessment.	Number of survey numbers.	Area.	Assessment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			Acres.	Rs.		Acres.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE	Saugor ...	1,506	8,398	6,115	1,141	5,806	4,966
	Damoh ...	2,163	16,704	9,191	1,664	11,775	7,174
	Jubbulpore ...	809	2,081	(a) 1,008	(a) 808	(a) 2,080	(a) 1,007
	Mandla ...	(c) 87,792	(c) 382,127	(c) 1,23,768	(c) 60,043	(c) 266,717	(c) 92,798
	Seoni ...	(d) 9,850	(d) 78,967	(d) 26,491	(d) 9,746	(d) 77,824	(d) 26,249
	Total ...	1,02,120	488,277	1,66,573	73,402	364,202	1,32,224
NERBUDDA	Narsinghpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hoshangabad ...	(d) 1,758	(d) 24,551	(d) 8,714	(d) 1,637	(d) 22,124	(d) 8,326
	Nimar ...	(b) 26,639	(d) 388,883	(b) 1,84,584	(b) 24,267	356,846	(b) 1,77,565
	Betul ...	6,950	65,383	13,336	6,559	60,208	12,715
	Chhindwara ...	(a) 2,817	(b) 29,110	7,971	(a) 2,774	(a) 28,943	7,944
	Total ...	38,164	507,927	2,14,605	35,237	468,121	2,06,550
NAGPUR	Wardha ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur ...	182	2,257	1,818	180	2,252	1,814
	Chanda ...	(a) 15,462	(a) 126,626	(a) 43,666	(a) 12,424	(a) 99,758	(a) 38,415
	Bhandara ...	275	2,223	678	211	1,536	532
	Balaghat ...	(a) 12,333	(a) 156,613	(a) 32,956	(a) 8,294	(a) 101,732	(a) 32,394
	Total ...	28,252	287,719	79,118	21,109	205,278	73,155
CHHATTISGARH	Raipur ...	6,149	10,967	4,795	6,106	10,688	4,732
	Bilaspur ...	753	1,515	840	748	1,483	832
	Drug ...	20	83	45	- 20	83	4
	Total ...	6,922	12,565	5,680	6,874	12,254	5,609
	GRAND TOTAL ...	1,75,458	1,296,488	4,65,976	1,36,622	1,049,855	4,17,538

(a) Last year's figure

(b) The decrease is due to the transfer of a

(c) The increase is due to the conversion of

(d) The difference is due to

waste lands during the revenue year ending the 30th September 1919.

Available for allotment at commencement of year under report.			Allotted during the year under report.			Relinquished during the year under report.			Balance for allotment at the end of year under report.		
Number of survey numbers	Area.	Assessment.	Number of survey numbers.	Area.	Assessment.	Number of survey numbers.	Area.	Assessment.	Number of survey numbers.	Area.	Assessment.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Acres.	Rs.		Acres.	Rs.		Acres.	Rs.		Acres.	Rs.
365	2,592	1,119	34	219	217	20	77	77	351	2,450	979
499	4,929	2,017	68	412	209	86	601	291	517	5,118	2,099
(a) 1	(a) 1	(a) 1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1
(c) 27,749	(c) 115,410	(c) 30,970	5,808	27,468	7,804	7,627	33,570	11,252	29,568	121,512	34,418
(d) 104	(d) 1,143	(d) 242	93	764	254	82	522	252	93	901	240
28,718	124,675	34,349	6,003	28,863	8,484	7,815	34,770	11,872	30,530	129,982	37,737
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(d) 121	(d) 2,427	(d) 388	70	1,278	233	59	746	172	110	1,895	327
(b) 2,372	(b) 32,037	(b) 7,019	992	15,340	6,125	2,087	31,146	11,090	3,467	47,843	11,984
391	5,175	621	98	1,160	197	108	1,207	210	491	5,222	634
43	167	27	26	302	51	35	389	79	52	254	55
2,927	39,806	8,055	1,186	18,080	6,666	2,289	33,488	11,551	4,030	55,214	13,000
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(a) 2	05	a4	1	4	3	...	...	...	1	1	1
(a) 3,038	(a) 26,868	(a) 5,251	280	2,206	851	326	2,662	999	3,084	27,324	5,399
64	687	146	23	301	79	25	269	72	66	655	139
(a) 4,039	(a) 54,881	(a) 562	678	7,061	2,280	662	11,566	2,356	4,023	59,386	638
7,143	82,441	5,963	982	9,572	3,213	1,013	14,497	3,427	7,174	87,366	6,177
43	279	63	49	443	99	44	523	93	38	359	57
5	32	8	7	17	10	7	28	12	5	43	10
...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...
48	311	71	56	460	109	51	551	105	43	402	67
38,836	246,633	48,438	8,227	56,975	18,412	11,168	83,306	26,959	41,777	272,964	56,981

was wrong.

survey number to Minhai abadi.

Minhai areas into abadi.

the revision of settlement.

STATEMENT B-II.—Showing the area held by the several

Division.	District.	Total area included in occupied survey numbers.	Held by patels.			
			Number of holdings.	Area.	Revenue.	Rate per acre.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Acres.		Acres.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.
Jubbulpore ...	Sauger	6,023	25	764	612	0 12 10
	Damoh	11,282	49	1,292	829	0 10 3
	Jubbulpore	2,075	7	155	97	0 10 0
	Mandla	268,647	554	21,272	8,546	0 6 5
	Seoni	78,066	185	9,381	3,753	0 7 1
	Total ...	366,093	820	32,864	13,837	0 6 1
Nerbudda ...	Narsinghpur	...	...	...	...	...
	Hoshangabad	22,268	30	1,410	587	0 6 8
	Nimar	358,508	330	21,119	12,216	0 9 3
	Betul	63,317	88	3,992	857	0 3 5
	Chhindwara	28,943	69	2,627	795	0 4 10
	Total ...	473,036	517	29,148	14,455	0 7 11
Nagpur ...	Wardha	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur	2,252	8	360	293	0 13 0
	Chanda	100,442	190	6,640	2,682	0 6 6
	Bhandara	1,418	4	272	147	0 8 8
	Balaghat	104,344	277	11,318	4,893	0 6 11
	Total ...	208,456	479	18,590	8,015	0 6 11
Chhattisgarh ...	Raipur	10,936	24	1,079	445	0 6 7
	Bilaspur	1,455	6	163	84	0 8 3
	Drug	5,206	13	340	146	0 6 11
	Total ...	17,597	43	1,582	675	0 6 9
	Grand Total ...	1,065,182	1,859	82,184	36,982	0 7 2

classes of holders in Raiyatwari villages and the revenue.

Held by Government Raiyats.				Service Grants.			Sub-let by patels.		Sub-let by Raiyats.	
Number of holdings.	Area.	Revenue.	Rate per acre.	Number of holdings.	Area.	Revenue.	Area.	Rent.	Area.	Rent.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Acres.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.		Acres.	Rs.	Acres.	Rs.	Acres.	Rs.
535	5,259	4,569	0 13 11	...	...	...	21	16	864	769
943	9,832	6,019	0 9 10	23	158	96	92	86	698	723
243	1,904	897	0 7 6	2	16	5	20	30	324	788
17,424	241,439	88,477	0 5 10	403	5,936	2,105	209	192	3,575	1,933
3,853	68,290	22,542	0 7 0	24	395	81	671	365	2,985	1,518
22,998	326,724	1,22,504	0 5 11	452	6,505	2,287	1,013	599	8,446	5,031
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
835	20,788	6,734	0 5 2	4	70	3	40	1	775	362
14,194	332,488	1,53,924	0 7 5	166	2,901	1,307	424	2,335	9,735	26,389
2,873	58,850	12,492	0 3 5	34	475	106	2	2	54	37
1,429	26,261	7,149	0 4 4	4	55	12	61	76	1,607	584
19,331	438,387	1,80,299	0 6 7	208	3,501	1,428	527	2,414	12,171	27,372
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
125	1,898	1,526	0 12 10	...	...	...	...	...	60	51
6,761	92,553	34,471	0 5 11	45	635	150	173	202	4,900	4,742
75	1,146	351	0 4 11	...	...	...	1	...	4	4
8,336	92,001	35,354	0 6 2	69	1,026	229	1,250	126	3,468	2,040
15,297	187,598	71,702	0 6 1	114	1,661	379	1,424	328	8,432	6,837
840	9,857	4,421	0 7 2	...	...	...	6	20	88	196
139	1,260	754	0 9 8	5	32	9	1	...	60	112
496	4,866	2,239	0 7 4	...	...	...	6	12	63	44
1,475	15,983	7,424	0 7 5	5	32	9	13	32	211	352
59,101	968,692	3,81,929	0 6 3	779	11,699	4,103	2,977	3,373	29,260	39,592

STATEMENT C.—Showing financial results on account of Loans under the
year ending the

(1).—LOANS

Division.	District.	State of Loans accounts (Principal).					Recovery of		
		Total amount of loans outstanding at commencement of the year.	Amount sanctioned for distribution during the year.	Paid out during the year.	Collected or written off during the year (columns 11, 12 and 13).	Balance of loans outstanding at close of the year.	Demand falling due for recovery during the year.	Arrear demand of principal.	Total demand on account of principal.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor ..	46,402	55,000	56,289	38,705	63,986	37,757	1,912	39,669
	Damoh ...	6,537	2,28,000	1,43,241	16,161	(b) 1,33,617	(a) 15,636	(d) 610	16,246
	Jubbulpore ...	53,515	3,90,000	2,80,516	17,082	(b) 3,16,949	(a) 16,000	1,787	17,787
	Mandla ...	21,643	2,29,616	1,47,672	4,344	(b) 1,64,971	(a) 6,669	808	7,477
	Seoni ..	(c) 50,801	1,29,800	93,297	19,034	(b) 1,25,064	(a) 18,914	22	18,936
	Total ...	1,78,898	10,32,416	7,21,015	95,326	8,04,587	94,976	5,139	1,00,115
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur ...	2,945	17,240	17,240	1,075	19,110	818	268	1,086
	Hoshangabad ...	1,67,516	1,53,320	1,53,320	1,39,427	1,81,409	2,05,258	163	2,05,421
	Nimar ..	88,975	86,000	77,925	42,579	1,24,321	43,112	24,896	68,008
	Betul ...	47,333	87,449	84,069	12,734	1,18,668	43,053	8,560	51,613
	Chhindwara ...	(b) 93,593	1,65,702	1,65,702	18,343	2,40,952	64,911	34,270	99,181
	Total ...	4,00,362	5,09,711	4,98,256	2,14,158	6,84,460	3,57,152	68,157	4,25,309
NAGPUR ...	Wardha ...	67,514	1,01,305	99,926	77,956	89,484	77,956	...	77,956
	Nagpur ..	70,933	2,01,000	1,38,752	1,03,327	1,06,358	1,00,275	3,828	1,04,103
	Chanda ...	66,544	1,19,000	1,04,878	36,965	1,34,457	35,395	2,679	38,074
	Bhandara ...	6,587	2,23,625	2,16,535	4,024	2,19,098	7,029	...	7,029
	Balaghat ...	2,008	1,09,251	1,04,735	2,445	1,04,298	2,747	...	2,747
	Total ...	2,13,586	7,63,181	6,64,826	2,24,717	6,53,695	2,23,402	6,507	2,29,909
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur ...	7,980	10,70,000	5,53,278	808	5,60,450	*1,303	...	1,303
	Bilaspur ...	2,696	4,64,050	4,65,050	534	4,67,212	*505	27	532
	Drug ..	3,558	5,10,000	2,11,279	1,872	2,12,965	*1,881	...	1,881
	Total ...	14,234	20,45,050	12,29,607	3,214	12,40,627	3,689	27	3,716
	GRAND TOTAL ...	8,07,080	43,50,358	31,13,704	5,37,415	33,83,369	6,79,219	79,830	7,59,049

Agriculturists' Loans Act, XI of 1884, *in the districts of the Central Provinces for the revenue* 30*th September* 1919.

WITH INTEREST.

Principal.				Recovery of Interest.			
Total collections on account of principal due.	Advance collections on account of principal which has not yet fallen due.	Principal written off as irrecoverable.	Balance of demand on account of principal due for recovery.	Collection on account of interest during the year.	Interest written-off as irrecoverable.	Rate of interest recovered on mean of loans outstanding at commencement and close of the year (*i. e.*, ½ column 3 *plus* 7).	Remarks.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	*Jubbulpore Division.*
38,683	22	...	986	3,693	...	6·60	(*a*) and (*b*)—(*a*) Excludes and (*b*) includes suspended amounts as under—
16,157	4	...	89	741	...	1·05	Rs.
16,762	320	...	1,025	1,102	...	0·59	Jubbulpore ... 23,791
4,182	162	...	3,295	565	...	·60	Damoh ... 8,924
18,936	98	...	...	1,190	...	1·35	Seoni ... 28,089
							Mandla ... 2,820
							Total ... 63,624
							(*c*) Last year's figure was wrong.
							(*d*) Excludes Rs. 368 suspended last year.
94,720	606	...	5,395	7,291	...	1·48	
							Nerbudda Division.
1,075	...	...	11	189	...	1·71	(*a*) Includes Rs. 1,439 suspended.
1,37,700	1,564	163	(*d*) 67,558	11,109	...	6·36	(*b*) Rs. 6 were refunded in the year 1917-18.
36,551	6,028	...	(*a*) 31,457	2,821	...	2·64	(*c*) Rs. 81,311 were suspended of which Rs. 162 have been paid voluntarily.
12,594	140	...	(*e*) 39,019	903	...	1·08	(*d*) Includes Rs. 52,182 suspended.
18,032	311	...	(*c*) 81,149	2,388	...	1·43	(*e*) Includes Rs. 15,309 suspended.
2,05,952	8,043	163	2,19,194	17,410	...	2·94	
77,956	...	...	...	3,222	...	4·10	
1,03,325	2	...	778	5,337	...	6·02	*Nagpur Division.*
36,243	722	...	(*b*) 1,831	3,906	...	3·88	(*b*) Includes Rs. 1,741 suspended.
3,797	227	...	(*a*) 3,232	318	...	0·28	
2,445	...	...	(*a*) 302	129	...	0·24	(*a*) Suspended.
2,23,766	951	...	6,143	12,912	...	2·98	
							Chhattisgarh Division.
808	...	...	495	80	...	0·03	* Excludes suspended amounts as under—
532	2	...	...	74	...	0·03	Rs.
1,872	...	...	9	153	...	0·14	Raipur ... 6,014
							Bilaspur ... 1,600
							Drug ... 1,424
							Total ... 9,038
3,212	2	...	504	307	...	·05	
5,27,650	9,602	163	2,31,236	37,920	...	1·81	

STATEMENT C.—Showing financial results on account of Loans under the Agriculturists' Loans

1919.—

2.—LOANS

Division.	District.	State of Loans accounts (Principal).					Recovery of		
		Total amount of loans outstanding at commencement of the year.	Amount sanctioned for distribution during the year.	Paid out during the year.	Collected or written off during the year (columns 11,12 and 13).	Balance of loans outstanding at close of the year.	Demand falling due for recovery during the year.	Arrear demand of principal.	Total demand on account of principal.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE	Saugor	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Damoh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Jubbulpore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Mandla	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Seoni	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
NERBUDDA	Narsinghpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hoshangabad	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nimar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Betul	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhindwara	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
NAGPUR	Wardha	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chanda	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bhandara	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Balaghat	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
CHHATTISGARH	Raipur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bilaspur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Drug	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	GRAND TOTAL	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Act, XI of 1884, *in the districts of the Central Provinces for the revenue year ending the* 30*th September* (Concld.)

WITHOUT INTEREST.

Principal.				Recovery of Interest.			Remarks.
Total collections on account of principal due.	Advance collections on account of principal which has not yet fallen due.	Principal written off as irrecoverable.	Balance of demand on account of principal due for recovery.	Collection on account of interest during the year.	Interest written off as irrecoverable.	Rate of interest recovered on mean of loans outstanding at commencement and close of the year (*i. e.*, ½ column 3 *plus* 7).	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...

STATEMENT D.—Showing financial results on account of Loans under the Land Improvement ending the 30th

1.—LOANS

Division.	District.	State of Loans accounts (Principal).					Recovery		
		Total amount of loans outstanding at commencement of the year.	Amount sanctioned for distribution during the year.	Paid out during the year.	Collected or written off during the year (columns 11, 12 and 13).	Balance of loans outstanding at close of the year.	Demand falling due for recovery during the year.	Arrear demand of principal.	Total demand on account of principal.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor ...	28,664	25,000	50,836	10,811	66,689	9,818	1,564	11,382
	Damoh ..	76,131	10,000	17,739	11,041	(a) 82,829	(b) 8,199	(d) 1,674	9,873
	Jubbulpore ..	54,570	1,40,000	1,31,030	8,212	(a) 1,77,388	(b) 1,094	8,742	9,836
	Mandla ...	(c) 27,184	33,864	31,307	5,795	(a) 52,726	(b) 6,955	148	7,103
	Seoni ...	(c) 17,974	38,000	36,900	2,168	(a) 52,706	(b) 1,104	168	1,272
	Total ...	2,02,523	2,46,864	2,67,842	38,027	4,32,338	27,170	12,296	39,466
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur ...	(c) 5,555	2,235	2,235	3,021	4,769	2,799	(c) 222	3,021
	Hoshangabad ...	20,882	4,700	4,700	4,659	20,923	5,780	121	5,901
	Nimar ...	14,747	3,000	11,125	3,579	22,293	2,659	1,989	4,648
	Betul ..	8,415	40,544	38,925	3,075	44,265	3,596	308	3,904
	Chhindwara ..	13,022	1,13,879	1,13,879	1,307	1,25,594	2,528	3,981	6,509
	Total ...	62,621	1,64,358	1,70,864	15,641	2,17,844	17,362	6,621	23,983
NAGPUR ...	Wardha ...	2,220	56,695	50,902	642	52,480	642	...	642
	Nagpur ..	8,306	29,000	24,000	4,070	28,236	3,579	756	4,335
	Chanda ...	23,254	10,000	28,306	5,957	45,603	5,422	1,130	6,552
	Bhandara ...	37,627	1,60,133	1,56,151	4,356	1,89,422	6,239	70	6,309
	Balaghat ...	25,631	47,365	47,365	3,872	69,124	5,224	...	5,224
	Total ...	97,038	3,03,193	3,06,724	18,897	3,84,865	21,106	1,956	23,062
CHHATTISGARH ..	Raipur ...	16,204	1,25,000	2,50,010	2,342	2,63,872	* 2,450	...	2,450
	Bilaspur ..	53,113	2,19,500	1,79,777	5,991	2,26,899	* 5,436	1,091	6,527
	Drug ...	9,576	1,00,450	79,507	3,074	86,009	* 3,033	...	3,033
	Total ...	78,893	4,44,950	5,09,294	11,407	5,76,780	10,919	1,091	12,010
	GRAND TOTAL ...	4,41,075	11,59,365	12,54,724	83,972	16,11,82	76,557	21,964	98,521

Loans Act, XIX of 1883, *in the districts of the Central Provinces for the revenue year September* 1919.

WITH INTEREST.

of Principal.				Recovery of Interest.			
Total collections on account of principal due.	Advance collections on account of principal which has not yet fallen due.	Principal written off as irrecoverable.	Balance of demand on account of principal due for recovery.	Collection on account of interest during the year.	Interest written off as irrecoverable.	Rate of interest recovered on mean of loans outstanding at commencement and close of the year (*i. e.*, ½ column 3 *plus* 7).	Remarks.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
							Jubbulpore Division.
10,785	26	...	597	1,710	..	3·60	(*a*) and (*b*).—(*a*) includes and (*b*) excludes the suspended amounts as under—
9,498	1,479	64	311	1,933	50	2·42	Rs.
6,681	1,531	...	3,155	1,050	...	0·90	Jubbulpore ... 19,554
5,443	352	...	1,660	1,076	...	2·69	Damoh ... 16,874
							Seoni ... 7,519
							Mandla ... 6,637
							Total ... 50,584
1,183	896	89	...	155	19	0·44	(*c*) Increased by Re. 1
							(*d*) Excludes Rs. 470 suspended last year.
33,590	4,284	153	5,723	5,924	69	1·86	
							Nerbudda Division.
3,021	...	...	...	364	...	7·05	(*a*) Includes Rs. 305 suspended.
4,517	142	...	(*d*) 1,384	1,263	...	6·04	(*b*) Suspended.
2,812	767	...	(*a*) 1,836	616	...	3·31	(*c*) Reduced by Rs. 8 due to misclassification.
1,775	1,300	...	(*e*) 2,129	260	...	0·98	(*d*) Includes Rs. 678 suspended.
1,174	133	...	(*b*) 5,335	178	...	0·26	(*e*) Includes Rs. 1,608 suspended.
13,299	2,342	...	10,684	2,681	...	1·91	
642	...	...	...	103	...	·38	
4,070	...	...	265	526	...	2·82	*Nagpur Division.*
5,559	398	...	(*c*) 993	1,111	...	3·23	(*c*) Includes Rs. 150 suspended.
4,356	...	...	(*b*) 1,953	1,768	...	1·55	(*b*) Includes Rs. 1,917 suspended.
3,872	...	...	(*a*) 1,352	1,207	...	2·54	(*a*) Suspended.
18,499	398	...	4,563	4,715	...	1·95	
							Chhattisgarh Division.
2,342	...	...	108	527	...	·4	* Excludes suspended amounts as under—
5,984	7	...	543	790	...	·5	Rs.
3,019	55	...	14	453	...	·1	Raipur ... 3,225
							Bilaspur ... 13,379
							Drug ... 1,512
							Total ... 18,116
11,345	62	...	665	1,770	...	·5	
76,733	7,086	153	21,635	15,090	69	1·47	

STATEMENT D.—Showing financial results on account of Loans under the Land Improvement Loans

September

2.—LOANS

Division.	District.	State of Loans accounts (Principal).					Recovery		
		Total amount of loans outstanding at commencement of the year.	Amount sanctioned for distribution during the year.	Paid out during the year.	Collected or written off during the year (columns 11, 12 and 13).	Balance of loans outstanding at close of the year.	Demand falling due for recovery during the year.	Arrear demand of principal.	Total demand on account of principal.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Jubbulpore	Saugor	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Damoh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Jubbulpore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Mandla	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Seoni	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nerbudda	Narsinghpur	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
	Hoshangabad	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nimar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Betul	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhindwara	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nagpur	Wardha	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chanda	4,267	...	...	906	3,361	906	...	906
	Bhandara	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
	Balaghat	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	4,267	...	...	906	3,361	906	...	906
Chhattisgarh	Raipur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bilaspur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Drug	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	GRAND TOTAL.	4,267	...	...	906	3,361	906	...	906

Act, XIX of 1883, *in the districts of the Central Provinces for the revenue year ending the 30th* 1919.—(Concld.)

WITHOUT INTEREST.

of Principal.				Recovery of Interest.			
Total collections on account of principal due.	Advance collections on account of principal which has not yet fallen due.	Principal written off as irrecoverable.	Balance of demand on account of principal due for recovery.	Collection on account of interest during the year.	Interest written-off as irrecoverable.	Rate of interest recovered on mean of loans outstanding at commencement and close of the year (*i.e.*, ½ column 3 *plus* 7).	Remarks.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...

STATEMENT E.—Showing the alterations which have occurred in the Demand of Land Revenue on the Roll during the revenue year ending the 30th September 1919.

Division.	District.	Land revenue on roll on 1st October 1918.	Increase during the year.				Decrease during the year.			Net result.		Land revenue on roll on the 1st October 1919.
			By revision of assessment.	By progressive assessment.	From any other cause.	Total of columns 4 to 6	By revision of assessment.	From other cause.	Total of columns 8 and 9.	Increase (column 7 *minus* column 10).	Decrease (column 10 *minus* column 7).	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Jubbulpore.	Saugor ...	(a) 8,27,872	25	701	...	726	...	133	133	593	...	8,28,465
	Damoh ...	4,63,994	105	...	...	105	...	2	2	103	..	4,64,097
	Jubbulpore ..	(a) 10,41,966	90	...	6	96	...	63	63	33	...	10,41,999
	Mandla ...	1,71,072	...	200	...	200	...	18	18	182	...	1,71,254
	Seoni ...	3,21,557	37,310	...	...	37,310	...	...	...	37,310	...	3,58,867
	Total ...	28,26,461	37,530	901	6	38,437	...	216	216	38,221	...	28,64,682
Nerbudda.	Narsinghpur ...	6,36,371	...	...	...	..	...	1	1	...	1	6,36,370
	Hoshangabad ...	(a) 9,06,576	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	...	5	9,06,571
	Nimar ...	4,32,352	128	...	97	225	...	...	...	225	...	4,32,577
	Betul ..	2,76,429	47,737	...	11	47,748	...	...	...	47,748	...	3,24,177
	Chhindwara ...	4,34,229	...	...	...	...	...	68	68	...	68	4,34,161
	Total ...	26,85,957	47,865	...	108	47,973	...	74	74	47,899	...	27,33,856
Nagpur.	Wardha ...	8,15,058	116	...	...	116	...	54	54	62	...	8,15,120
	Nagpur ..	(a) 13,59,384	...	650	501	1,151	...	114	114	1,037	...	13,60,421
	Chanda ...	3,29,300	...	...	247	247	...	6	6	241	...	3,29,541
	Bhandara ...	(a) 5,66,470	..	...	75	75	...	35	35	40	...	5,66,510
	Balaghat ...	4,48,116	..	...	962	962	...	824	824	138	...	4,48,254
	Total ...	35,18,328	116	650	1,785	2,551	...	1,033	1,033	1,518	...	35,19,846
Chhattisgarh.	Raipur ...	7,69,973	...	1,336	...	1,336	...	253	253	1,083	...	7,71,056
	Bilaspur ..	6,13,413	...	1,190	...	1,190	...	38	38	1,152	...	6,14,565
	Drug ..	6,49,142	...	20	1	21	...	4	4	17	...	6,49,159
	Total ..	20,32,528	...	2,546	1	2,547	...	295	295	2,252	...	20,34780
	Grand Total ...	1,10,63,274	85,511	4,097	1,899	91,508	...	1,61	1,618	89,889	...	1,11,53,164

(a) Last year's figure was wrong.

STATEMENT F.—Showing Demand and Collections during the revenue year ending the 30th September 1919.

PART I (*a*).—LAND REVENUE ON THE ROLL—ARREARS.

Division.	District.	Demand.					Collections.	Balance.		
		Balance from previous year.	Remission during year.	Balance for collection.						
				Suspended.	Unsuspended.	Total.		Suspended.	Unsuspended.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE.	Saugor	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Damoh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Jubbulpore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Mandla	50	...	...	50	50	50	...	...	...
	Seoni	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Total	50	...	...	50	50	50	...	...	...
NERBUDDA.	Narsinghpur	83	...	...	83	83	83	...	...	...
	Hoshangabad	(*a*) 3,43,826	...	3,42,191	1,635	3,43,826	2,13,635	1,30,191	...	1,30,191
	Nimar	36,679	...	31,407	5,272	36,679	6,296	30,383	...	30,383
	Betul	4,574	...	4,396	178	4,574	154	4,396	24	4,420
	Chhindwara	7,184	...	2,930	4,254	7,184	4,179	2,930	75	3,005
	Total	3,92,346	...	3,80,924	11,422	3,92,346	2,24,347	1,67,900	99	1,67,999
NAGPUR.	Wardha	39,323	...	39,323	...	39,323	39,323	...	...	...
	Nagpur	419	...	...	419	419	419	..	...	...
	Chanda	35,189	...	35,125	64	35,189	22,718	12,471	...	12,471
	Bhandara	956	...	...	956	956	956	...	...	...
	Balaghat	(*b*) 52	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	75,939	...	74,448	1,439	75,887	63,416	12,471	...	12,471
CHHATTISGARH.	Raipur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bilaspur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Drug	56	...	...	56	56	56	...	...	...
	Total	56	...	...	56	56	56	...	...	...
	GRAND TOTAL	4,68,391	...	4,55,372	12,967	4,68,339	2,87,869	1,80 371	99	1,80,470

(*a*) Last year's figure was wrong.
(*b*) Rs. 52 was collected before the close of last year but was not taken into account then.

STATEMENT F.—Showing the Demand and Collections during the revenue year ending the 30th September 1919.—(Contd).

PART I (*b*).—LAND REVENUE ON THE ROLL—CURRENT.

Division.	District.	Demand.						Collection.	Balance.			Collections in advance remaining to be adjusted at the close of the year.	Collected in advance on account of the following year.	Total collections in advance remaining to be adjusted.
		Demand according to kistbandi.	Abatement or remission granted during the year.	Suspension granted during the year.	Collected in advance during previous years and adjusted during the year.	Total deductions to be made (total of columns 4, 5 and 6).	Net demand for collection.		Suspended.	Unsuspended.	Total.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE.	Saugor ...	8,27,872	3,716	89,052	72	92,840	7,35,032	7,35,032	89,052	...	89,052	...	263	263
	Damoh ...	4,63,994	...	1,58,110	15	1,58,125	3,05,869	3,05,869	1,58,110	...	1,58,110	45	279	324
	Jubbulpore ...	10,41,966	49,398	2,13,238	(*b*) 133	2,62,769	7,79,203	7,79,203	2,13,238	..	2,13,238	...	344	344
	Mandla ..	1,71,072	215	29,725	300	30,338	1,40,734	1,39,964	29,725	770	30,493	...	1,897	1,897
	Seoni ...	(*a*) 3,40,585	2,425	91,972	385	94,782	2,45,803	2,45,803	91,972	...	91,972	53	516	569
	Total ...	28,45,489	55,848	5,82,095	905	6,38,848	22,06,641	22,05,871	5,82,095	770	5,82,865	98	3,399	3,397
NERBUDDA.	Narsinghpur ...	6,36,371	...	11,277	15	11,292	6,25,079	6,25,079	11,277	...	11,277	...	1	1
	Hoshangabad ...	(*a*) 9,06,576	32,246	38,137	(*b*) 227	70,610	8,35,966	8,33,212	38,137	2,754	40,891	4	1,668	1,672
	Nimar ...	4,32,352	115	14,858	291	15,264	4,17,088	4,16,678	14,858	410	15,268	..	1,173	1,173
	Betul ...	(*c*) 3,84,177	13,683	1,53,730	26	1,67,439	1,56,738	1,56,305	1,53,730	535	1,54,263	...	379	379
	Chhindwara ...	4,34,289	9,679	(*d*) 15,614	222	25,515	4,08,774	4,08,774	15,614	...	15,614	...	674	674
	Total ...	27,33,765	55,723	2,33,616	781	2,90,120	24,43,585	24,39,888	2,33,616	3,697	2,37,313	4	3,795	3,799
NAGPUR.	Warpha ...	(*a*) 8,15,117	...	...	871	871	8,14,246	8,14,246	...	...	...	...	172	172
	Nagpur ...	13,59,384	29,620	4,120	...	26,740	13,32,644	13,32,512	4,120	132	4,252	...	362	362
	Chanda ...	3,29,300	1,817	38,699	69	40,585	2,88,715	2,88,715	38,699	...	38,699	...	97	97
	Bhandara ...	5,66,470	16,598	1,72,169	34	1,88,801	3,77,869	3,77,243	1,72,169	626	1,72,795	...	867	867
	Balaghat ...	4,48,116	7,388	1,76,028	34	1,83,444	2,64,672	2,64,667	1,76,028	5	1,76,033	...	41	541
	Total ...	35,18,387	48,217	3,91,016	1,008	4,40,241	30,78,146	30,77,383	3,91,016	763	3,91,779	...	1,839	1,839
CHHATTISGARH.	Raipur ...	7,71,208	6,367	(*b*) 3,03,439	823	3,10,629	4,60,579	4,60,542	3,03,439	137	3,03,576	52	688	740
	Bilaspur ..	6,14,565	...	(*b*) 3,45,055	204	3,45,259	2,69,306	2,69,306	3,45,055	...	3,45,055	30	882	912
	Drug ...	6,49,159	2,499	(*b*) 1,83,866	125	1,86,490	4,62,669	4,60,756	1,83,866	1,913	1,85,779	3,014	...	3,014
	Total ...	20,35,032	8,866	8,32,360	1,152	8,42,378	11,92,654	11,90,604	8,32,360	2,050	8,34,410	3,096	1,570	4,666
	GRAND TOTAL ...	1,11,32,613	1,68,654	20,39,087	3,846	22,11,587	89,21,026	89,13,746	20,39,087	7,280	20,46,367	3,198	10,503	13,701

JUBBULPORE DIVISION.

(*a*) Includes Rs. 19,028 owing to the announcement of three groups to take effect from the 1st July 1918.
(*b*) Excludes Rs. 2,146 refunded.

NERBUDDA DIVISION.

(*a*) Last year's figure was wrong.
(*b*) Excludes Rs. 5-4-0 refunded.
(*c*) The increase is due to the revision of settlement.
(*d*) Of Rs. 15,700 suspended Rs. 86 have been paid voluntarily.

NAGPUR DIVISION.

(*a*) The increase is due to the resumption of muafis.

CHHATTISGARH DIVISION.

(*a*) Includes Rs. 1,336 on account of progressive assessment.
(*b*) Includes suspensions of Raiyatwari villages also.

STATEMENT F.—Showing the Demand and Collections during the revenue year ending the 30th September 1919.—(Contd.)

PART II.—LAND REVENUE NOT ON THE ROLL.

Division.	District.	Demand, Balance from previous year.	Demand, For year under report.	Collected in advance during previous year.	Net demand (total of columns 3 and 4 *minus* column 5).	Collections, On account of previous year.	Collections, On account of year under report.	Balance, On account of previous year (column 3 *minus* column 7).	Balance, On account of year under report (column 4 *minus* total of columns 5 and 8).	Collected in advance on account of the year following.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Jubbulpore.	Saugor	24	5,425	...	5,449	24	3,468	...	(*b*) 1,957	4
	Damoh	...	7,612	2	7,610	...	2,330	...	(*b*) 5,280	(*e*) 35
	Jubbulpore	...	2,011	...	2,011	...	1,290	...	(*b*) 721	...
	Mandla	497	(*d*) 1,00,130	(*d*) 20	1,00,607	335	55,648	162	(*b*) 43,462	1,286
	Seoni	...	(*d*) 29,955	30	29,925	...	14,087	...	(*b*) 15,838	(*e*) 54
	Total	521	1,45,133	52	1,45,602	359	74,823	162	70,258	1,359
Nerbudda.	Narsinghpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hoshangabad	4,659	(*d*) 8,387	...	13,046	162	5,977	(*e*) 4,497	(*e*) 2,410	...
	Nimar	(*b*) 86,475	(*c*) 1,76,784	11,103	(*d*) 2,52,156	14,722	1,51,063	(*l*) 71,753	(*k*) 14,618	707
	Betul	(*f*) 138	13,300	15	13,423	98	1,359	(*e*) 40	(*f*) 11,926	1
	Chhindwara	69	(*g*) 7,934	5	7,998	37	7,549	(*e*) 32	(*h*) 380	2
	Total	91,341	2,06,405	11,123	2,86,623	15,019	1,65,948	76,322	29,334	710
Nagpur.	Wardha	489	622	...	1,111	69	623	420	... ...	...
	Nagpur	22	2,274	...	2,296	22	2,274	...	...	...
	Chanda	(*c*) 6,371	(*d*) 46,195	38	52,528	4,258	39,952	2,113	(*d*) 6,205	51
	Bhandara	(*d*) 37	13,249	...	13,286	37	13,247	...	2	...
	Balaghat	48	40,884	4	40 928	28	24,505	20	(*b*) 16,575	95
	Total	6,967	1,03,224	42	1,10,140	4,414	80,400	2,553	22,782	146
Chhattis-garh.	Raipur	...	4,984	...	4,984	...	3,606	...	(*b*) 1,378	35
	Bilaspur	(*d*) 2,095	1,799	(*e*)	3,394	...	845	2,095	(*b*) 434	6
	Drug	...	2,428	1	2,427	...	605	...	(*b*) 1,822	6
	Total	2,095	8,711	1	10,805	...	5,056	2,095	(*b*) 3,654	21
	GRAND TOTAL	1,00,924	4,63,473	11,118	5,53,170	1,979	3,26,227	81,132	1,26,028	2,236

JUBBULPORE DIVISION.

(*a*) Excludes remissions as below—

		Rs.
Seoni	...	98
Mandla	...	98
Total	...	196

(*b*) Includes suspended amounts as below—

		Rs.
Saugor	...	1,957
Damoh	...	5,280
Jubbulpore	...	721
Mandla	...	45,105
Seoni	...	15,776
Total	...	68,839

(*c*) Includes Rs. 13 which could not be adjusted during the year.
(*d*) Last year's figure was wrong.
(*e*) Represent the amount that could not be adjusted during the year.

NERBUDDA DIVISION.

(*a*) Excludes Rs. 5 8 0 remitted.
(*b*) Do. ,, 3,810 0 0 ,,
(*c*) Do. ,, 426 0 0 ,,
(*d*) Includes Rs. 2,906 suspended.
(*e*) Suspended.
(*f*) Includes Rs. 11,505 suspended.
(*g*) Excludes Rs. 9 remitted.
(*h*) Of Rs. 449 suspended Rs. 65 have been paid voluntarily and Rs. 4 suspended again.
(*i*) Excludes Rs. 14 remitted.
(*j*) Includes Rs 71,429 suspended.
(*k*) Includes Rs. 2,906 suspended.

NAGPUR DIVISION.

(*a*) The difference of Rs. 10 is due to arrears on account of surface rent subsequently recovered.
(*b*) Includes Rs. 15,626 suspended.
(*c*) Excludes Rs. 10 remitted.
(*d*) Includes Rs. 6,078 suspended and excludes Rs. 110 remitted.

CHHATTISGARH DIVISION.

(*a*) Last year's figures were wrong.
(*b*) Includes suspensions as below—

		Rs.
Raipur	...	1,378
Bilaspur	...	434
Drug	...	1,810
Total	...	3,622

(*c*) The amount collected last year was not adjusted during the year.

STATEMENT F.—Showing Demand and Collections during the revenue year ending the 30th September 1919—(Contd.)

PART III.—CESSES ASSESSED ON THE LAND REVENUE.

Division.	District.	Demand.		Collected in advance during previous year.	Net demand.	Collections.		Balance.		Collected in advance on account of the year following.
		Balance from previous year.	For year under report.			On account of previous year.	On account of year under report.	On account of previous year.	On account of year under report.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Jubbulpore	Saugor ..	...	48,329	15	48,314	...	44,521	...	(d) 3,693	19
	Damoh ..	...	27,194	1	27,193	...	21,059	...	(d) 6,134	15
	Jubbulpore ...	...	61,439	(c) 25	61,414	...	58,197	...	(d) 3,217	33
	Mandla ...	3	(b) 15,245	6	15,242	3	14,156	...	(d) 1,083	124
	Seoni ...	...	(a) 21,971	7	21,964	...	18,505	...	(d) 3,459	4
	Total ...	3	1,74,078	54	1,74,027	3	1,56,438	...	17,586	195
Nerbudda.	Narsinghpur ..	...	35,760	...	35,760	...	35,760	...	...	...
	Hoshangabad ...	(a) 9,015	53,926	30	63,811	7,808	51,746	(e) 2,547	(e) 2,150	127
	Nimar ..	(b) 7,548	40,381	749	47,180	1,380	38,961	(g) 6,168	671	89
	Betul ..	154	(d) 18,686	27	18,813	10	16,970	(e) 144	(f) 1,689	204
	Chhindwara ..	110	30,020	9	30,130	68	29,564	(e) 51	(e) 447	14
	Total ...	17,736	1,78,773	815	1,95,694	8,826	1,73,001	8,910	4,957	374
Nagpur.	Wardha ..	2,306	47,693	153	49,746	2,306	47,440	...	...	55
	Nagpur ..	18	81,950	25	81,943	18	81,921	...	4	3
	Chanda ...	(d) 2,052	23,905	37	25,920	1,582	21,856	470	(b) 2,213	91
	Bhandara ..	52	32,464	3	33,513	52	25,042	...	(c) 7,419	228
	Balaghat ..	5	29,656	8	29,653	4	29,557	(d) 1	(b) 91	85
	Total ..	4,433	2,15,568	226	2,19,775	3,962	2,05,816	471	9,586	386
Chhattisgarh.	Raipur ..	...	49,178	(a) 47	49,151	...	38,099	...	(c) 11,032	178
	Bilaspur ..	...	41,304	(b) 9	41,295	...	23,888	...	(c) 17,407	53
	Drug ..	...	40,218	14	40,204	...	33,504	...	(c) 6,708	212
	Total ...	...	1,30,700	70	1,30,630	...	95,491	...	35,139	483
	GRAND TOTAL ..	22,172	6,99,119	1,165	7,20,126	12,791	6,30,746	9,381	67,208	1,278

JUBBULPORE DIVISION.

(a) Includes Rs. 1,623 owing to the announcement of 3 groups.
(b) Excludes ,, 2 remitted.
(c) Do. ,, 64 refunded.
(d) Includes suspended amounts as below—

	Rs.
Jubbulpore ...	1,428
Saugor ...	3,693
Damoh ...	6,134
Seoni ...	3,459
Mandla ...	969
Total ...	15,683

NAGPUR DIVISION.

(a) Excludes Rs. 1 remitted.
(b) Suspended.
(c) Includes Rs. 7,410 suspended.
(d) Remitted.

NERBUDDA DIVISION.

(a) Last year's figure was wrong.
(b) Excludes Rs. 233 remitted.
(c) Includes ,, 2 suspended.
(d) Excludes ,, 76 remitted.
(e) Suspended.
(f) Includes Rs. 494 suspended.
(g) Includes Rs. 6,150 suspended.

CHHATTISGARH DIVISION.

(a) The difference of Rs. 17 is due to remission granted with retrospective effect.
(b) Excludes Rs. 4 remaining to be adjusted.
(c) Includes suspended amounts as below—

	Rs.
Raipur ...	11,025.
Bilaspur ...	17,407.
Drug ...	6,472.
Total ...	34,904

STATEMENT F.—Showing Demand and Collections during the revenue year ending the 30th September 1919.—(Concld.)

PART IV.—MISCELLANEOUS LAND REVENUE.

Division.	District.	Demand. Balance from previous year.	Demand. For year under report.	Collected in advance during previous year.	Net demand (Total of columns 3 and 4 *minus* column 5).	Collections. On account of previous year.	Collections. On account of year under report.	Balance. On account of previous year (column 3 *minus* column 7).	Balance. On account of year under report (column 4 *minus* total of columns 5 and 8).	Collected in advance on account of the year following.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
JUBBULPORE.	Saugor	...	3,264	...	3,264	...	3,264	...	...	...
	Damoh	...	642	...	642	...	642	...	...	...
	Jubbulpore	...	21,455	...	21,455	...	21,455	...	...	...
	Mandla	...	451	...	451	...	451	...	...	...
	Seoni	...	1,449	...	1,449	...	1,449	...	...	...
	Total	...	27,261	...	27,261	...	27,261	...	...	...
NERBUDDA.	Narsinghpur	(*e*) 8,909	18,125	...	27,034	8,909	9,406	...	8,719	...
	Hoshungabad	(*a*) 133	1,864	102	1,895	88	1,762	(*b*) 45	...	2
	Nimar	1,262	5,053	...	6,315	28	4,569	(*b*) 1,234	(*d*) 484	...
	Betul	...	6,799	327	6,472	...	6,153	...	— 319	...
	Chhindwara	...	34,297	...	34,297	...	34,297	...	...	...
	Total	10,304	66,138	429	76,013	9,025	56,187	1,279	9,322	2
NAGPUR.	Wardha	48	3,205	...	3,253	25	2,681	(*a*)	(*b*)	...
	Nagpur	(*c*) 232	18,545	...	18,777	194	18,423	(*d*) 38	122	...
	Chanda	422	25,719	...	26,141	422	24,773	...	946	...
	Bhandara	76	15,478	(*e*) 38	15,516	76	14,879	...	561	...
	Balaghat	...	39,769	...	39,769	...	39,685	...	(*g*) 84	4,012
	Total	778	1,02,716	38	1,03,456	717	1,00,441	38	1,713	4,012
CHHATTISGARH.	Raipur	6	4,713	...	4,719	6	4,123	...	590	...
	Bilaspur	(*a*)	4,253	...	4,253	...	3,942	...	311	...
	Drug	...	1,629	...	1,629	...	1,629	...	...	...
	Total	6	10,595	...	10,601	6	9,694	...	901	...
	GRAND TOTAL	11,088	2,06,710	467	2,17,331	9,748	1,93,583	1,317	12,156	4,014

NERBUDDA DIVISION.

(*a*) The recovery of Rs. 73 wrongly credited to the head "Law and Justice".
(*b*) Suspended.
(*c*) Represents land revenue in possession of the Municipal Committee.
(*d*) Last year's figure was wrong.

NAGPUR DIVISION.

(*a*) Excludes Rs. 23 written off.
(*b*) Excludes Rs. 524 since recovered.
(*c*) Last year's figure was wrong.
(*d*) Rs. 24 remitted during the year.
(*e*) Excludes Rs. 5 refunded during the year.
(*f*) Suspended.

CHHATTISGARH DIVISION.

(*a*) Excludes Rs. 336 remitted.

STATEMEMT G.—Showing coercive processes used in collection of Land Revenue under *ending the 30th*

Division.	District.	Notice of demand under Section 127.			Arrest under Section 128 (*a*)		
		Total number of mahals in District.	Number of notices of demand issued.	Amount of revenue involved.	Number of defaulters brought to district or Tahsil Head-quarters under a warrant of arrest.	Number of defaulters imprisoned in Civil Jail.	Amount of revenue involved.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
				Rs.			Rs.
Jubbulpore.	Saugor ..	2,252	157	23,671	8	...	1,580
	Damoh ...	1459	98	11,841	2	...	810
	Jubbulpore ...	2,570	48	13,026	22	2	10,641
	Mandla ...	2,012	40	2,867	...	...	...
	Seoni ...	(*a*) 1,723	33	2,683	3	...	192
	Total ...	10,016	376	54,088	35	2	13,223
Nerbudda	Narsinghpur ...	1,309	11	6,357	...	..	678
	Hoshangabad ..	(*a*) 1,482	102	37,131	...	...	...
	Nimar ...	(*b*) 812	63	10,541	1	...	641
	Betul ...	(*c*) 1,227	126	18,201	(*d*) 1	...	50
	Chhindwara ...	1,415	62	7,858	4	...	508
	Total ...	6,245	364	80,088	6	...	1,877
Nagpur.	Wardha ...	1,905	9	3,346	...	...	...
	Nagpur ...	2,449	4	872	45	...	14,593
	Chanda ...	1,705	28	3,098	19	...	2,572
	Bhandara ...	2,106	8	567	3	...	486
	Balaghat ...	1,655	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ..	9,820	49	7,883	67	...	17,651
Chhattisgarh.	Raipur ...	(*e*) 2,·68	64	12,719	15	...	1,940
	Bilaspur ...	2,116	30	9,244	(*f*) 17	...	7,613
	Drug ...	1,720	147	14,731	4	...	881
	Total ...	6,004	241	36,694	36	...	9,834
	Grand Total ...	32,085	1,030	1,78,753	144	2	42,585

Jubbulpore
(*a*) The decrease is due

Nerbudda
(*a*) Last year's
(*b*) The increase is due to the splitting
(*c*) The differences are due to
(*d*) The defaulter remitted the amount

Chhattisgarh
(*e*) The increase is due to
(*f*) The revenue

Sections 127 *and* 128 *of the Central Provinces Land Revenue Act,* 1917, *during the revenue year September* 1919.

Attachments and sale of property under Section 128 (*b*).				Attachment, transfer, or sale of Estate in respect of which arrear accrued, or of other immoveable property belonging to defaulter, Section 128 (*c*), (*d*), (*e*), (*f*) and (*g*).					Remarks.
Number of attachments ordered.	Number of attachments effected.	Number of sales carried out.	Amount of revenue involved.	Number of estates, mahals or shares attached and held under management [Clause (*c*)].	Number of estates and shares t ansferred [Clause (*d*)].	Number of estates and mahals the settlement of which was annulled [Clause (*e*)].	Number of estates, mahals or shares or properties sold [Clauses (*f*) and (*g*)].	Amount of revenue involved.	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			Rs.					Rs.	
234	44		40,644	...	...	...	...	...	
95	6	...	20,093	...	...	...	...	...	
101	22	2	20,399	...	...	...	...	...	
183	3	1	13,843	...	...	...	...	...	
251	15	1	22,608	...	...	...	...	...	
864	90	4	1,17,587	...	...	...	...	...	
80	22	...	21,169	...	...	...	...	...	
226	31	...	64,281	2	...	...	...	1,266	
102	34	...	24,430	...	...	...	...	...	
129	40	...	13,887	...	...	...	...	...	
388	47	...	71,080	...	...	...	...	...	
925	141	...	1,94,847	2	...	...	...	1,266	
36	6	...	9,322	...	...	...	...	...	
150	35	2	57,860	...	...	...	...	...	
223	33	...	19,385	...	...	...	...	...	
366	36	...	60,706	...	...	...	...	...	
331	23	1	24,799	...	...	...	...	...	
1,006	133	3	1,72,072	...	...	...	...	...	
352	50	...	68,883	...	...	...	...	...	
283	34	...	39,096	...	...	...	...	...	
347	64	...	51,251	...	...	...	...	...	
982	148	...	1,59,230	...	...	...	...	1,266	
3,777	512	7	6,43,736	2	...	...	...	1,266	

DIVISION
to the revision of settlement.
DIVISION.
figure was wrong
of Bhamarli village into two.
the revision of settlement.
before being brought to Tahsili.

DIVISION
zamindaries taken as mahals.
was paid before execution of warrants.

STATEMENT H.—Showing the extent and amount of Land Revenue

Division.	District	For maintenance of public			
		No.	Area.	Reve	
				Assessable.	Realizable.
1	2	3	4	5	6
			Acres	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor	15	80	31	4
	Damoh	28	158	96	...
	Jubbulpore	...	...	...	...
	Mandla	(a) 403	(b) 5,936	(b) 2,105	...
	Seoni	40	580	181	...
	Total ...	486	6,754	2,413	4
NERBUEDA ...	Narsinghpur	...	...	...	...
	Hoshangabad... ...	...	...	...	...
	Nimar	165	2,870	1,287	...
	Betul	...	...	...	...
	Chhindwara	...	...	...	...
	Total ..	165	2,870	1,287	...
NAGPUR ...	Wardha	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur	...	...	...	...
	Chanda	...	...	...	...
	Bhandara	..	...	...	...
	Balaghat	...	...	..	...
	Total ...	...	...	...	...
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur	...	...	...	...
	Bilaspur	...	...	...	...
	Drug	...	...	...	...
	Total ..	...	...	...	...
	GRAND TOTAL ...	651	9,624	3,700	4

Assignments existing at the end of the revenue year ending the 30th September 1919.

servants.	On other grounds.					
nue.			Revenue.			Remarks.
Assigned.	Number.	Area.	Assessable.	Realizable.	Assigned.	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Rs.		Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	JUBBULPORE DIVISION.
27	(c) 543	(c) 68,381	(c) 31,468	(c) 191	(c) 31,277	(a) Last year's figure was wrong.
96	(c) 89	(c) 107,028	(c) 29,973	(c) 8,539	(c) 21,434	(b) The difference is due to rounding up of figures.
...	(c) 321	(c) 252,728	(c) 96,801	(c) 38,297	(c) 58,504	(c) The changes are due to the resumption of muafis.
(b) 2,105	(c) 43	(c) 19,023	(c) 5,668	(c) 2,194	(c) 3,474	
181	(c) 110	(c) 150,656	(c) 45,300	(c) 5,596	(c) 39,704	
2,409	1,103	597,816	2,09,210	54,817	1,54,393	
...	150	31,547	13,205	4,139	9,066	
...	78	65,771	48,901	4,128	44,773	NERBUDDA DIVISION.
1,287	(a) 1,219	(a) 187,006	(a) 88,044	(a) 5,394	(a) 82,650	(a) The decreases are due to the resumptions of muafis.
...	80	20,343	3,715	1,957	1,758	
...	285	92,663	35,888	24,197	12,716	
1,287	1,812	397,330	1,89,753	39,815	1,50,963	
						NAGPUR DIVISION.
...	(a) 269	(a) 77,127	(a) 58,630	(a) 21,229	(a) 37,461	(a) The decrease is due to a muafi resumption and the increase is due to the revision of settlement.
...	(a) 662	(a) 214,406	(a) 1,23,357	(a) 53,103	(a) 70,254	
...	(a) 543	(a) 156,263	(a) 36,170	(a) 19,501	(a) 16,669	(b) The differences are due to revised settlement of the village Beni in 1918-19.
...	(a) 94	(a) 50,700	(a) 17,915	(a) 8,152	(a) 9,763	
...	(b) 1	(b) 2,435	(b) 1,410	(b) 673	(b) 737	
...	1,569	500,931	2,37,542	1,02,658	1,34,884	
...	41	50,433	14,228	14,111	117	CHHATTISGARH DIVISION.
...	(a) 29	(a) 22,170	(a) 8,027	(a) 128	(a) 7,899	(a) The decrease is due to the resumptions of muafis.
...	19	13,284	5,038	208	4,830	
...	89	85,887	27,293	14,447	12,846	
3,696	4,573	1,581,964	6,63,798	2,11,737	4,53,086	

STATEMENT J.—Showing mutations in possession of proprietary rights and interests in land due to during the revenue year

Division.	District.	Private sales.			
		Number of mahals or shares in mahals.	Area.	Land revenue assessed or assessable.	Consideration money.
1	2	3	4	5	6
		No.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor	126	19,588	8,601	1,82,733
	Damoh	93	6,296	2,546	60,496
	Jubbulpore	135	25,358	12,560	2,27,701
	Mandla	28	16,903	1,202	49,497
	Seoni	62	19,667	6,158	1,64,985
	Total ..	444	87,812	31,067	6,85,412
NERBUDDA	Narsinghpur	23	7,074	3,985	35,075
	Hoshangabad	29	12,822	6,201	2,07,669
	Nimar	66	13,656	5,258	1,04,464
	Betul	40	10,161	1,190	60,386
	Chhindwara	146	14,506	3,320	1,43,620
	Total ..	304	58,219	19,954	5,51,214
NAGPUR ...	Wardha	164	14,263	7,993	2,21,534
	Nagpur	108	21,861	14,883	3,08,012
	Chanda	51	11,875	2,120	67,426
	Bhandara	51	6,658	2,259	66,044
	Balaghat	48	51	2,871	99,169
	Total ...	422	54,708	30,126	7,62,185
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur	126	33,513	10,762	4,59,386
	Bilaspur	155	17,624	5,495	3,38,940
	Drug	211	25,061	8,642	4,29,690
	Total ...	492	76,198	24,899	12,28,016
	GRAND TOTAL ...	1,662	276,937	1,06,046	32,18,827

STATEMENT K.—Showing progress made in disposal of Partition cases under

Division.	District.	Number pending at beginning of the year.	Number instituted during year.	Total.	Number adjusted, withdrawn or struck off in default, &c.	Number disposed of by actual partition.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
JUBBULPORE ...	Saugor ...	16	12	28	13	7
	Damoh ...	7	9	16	8	...
	Jubbulpore ...	1	33	34	16	1
	Mandla ...	3	6	9	2	2
	Seoni ...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	27	60	87	39	10
NERBUDDA ...	Narsinghpur ...	8	6	14	8	...
	Hoshangabad ...	9	26	35	18	3
	Nimar ...	7	16	23	3	7
	Betul ...	...	3	3	...	...
	Chhindwara ...	24	21	45	12	16
	Total ...	48	72	120	41	26
NAGPUR ...	Wardha ...	12	16	28	4	9
	Nagpur ...	9	26	35	7	9
	Chanda ...	6	9	15	11	2
	Bhandara ...	...	1	1	...	...
	Balaghat ...	15	21	36	16	8
	Total ...	42	73	115	38	28
CHHATTISGARH ...	Raipur ...	16	22	38	14	11
	Bilaspur ...	12	34	46	19	11
	Drug ...	19	28	47	10	16
	Total ...	47	84	131	43	38
	GRAND TOTAL ...	164	289	453	161	102

sale or mortgage or lease, as registered under Section 47 of the Central Provinces Land Revenue Act, ending the 30th September 1919.

Sale by order of Court in foreclosure or in execution of decrees.				Mortgage with possession and transfers by virtue of leases.			
Number of mahals or shares in mahals.	Area.	Land Revenue assessed or assessable.	Consideration money.	Number of mahals or shares in mahals.	Area.	Land Revenue assessed or assessable.	Consideration money.
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
No.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.
36	18,277	6,166	98,316	11	2,653	1,414	6,547
13	1,851	1,487	8,283	3	866	488	5,909
16	7,299	2,265	32,106	10	3,090	3,330	14,580
1	307	30	950	2	2,821	362	130
16	4,804	1,646	30,023	1	1,555	180	7,000
82	38,538	11,594	1,69,683	27	10,981	5,774	34,157
8	3,588	2,394	18,632	7	2,732	1,073	10,490
6	2,355	1,499	20,403	6	6,648	3,858	14,499
8	1,767	1,030	5,034	7	4,250	2,171	20,250
7	2,983	797	6,643	11	4,075	982	10,667
9	2,557	483	13,089	2	633	112	1,400
38	13,250	6,203	63,801	33	18,338	8,196	57,306
49	8,563	5,451	87,852	9	3,223	2,147	11,125
15	6,388	5,027	61,975	2	1,740	770	1,100
18	6,251	1,435	14,675	1	286	55	1,000
9	1,687	920	11,854	3	1,347	205	...
6	1,495	684	33,160	...	...	...	...
97	24,384	13,517	2,09,516	15	6,596	3,177	13,225
10	2,691	839	21,100	...	974	330	...
8	2,203	661	9,674	(a) 2	...	...	...
12	4,397	1,649	26,210	...	...	...	...
30	9,291	3,149	56,904	2	974	330	...
247	79,463	34,463	4,99,904	77	36,839	17,477	1,04,688

(a) Given on private leases.

the Land Revenue Act during the revenue year ending the 30th September 1919.

Total of columns 6 and 7.	Number pending at close of year.	Date of institution of oldest case pending.	Details of partitions effected during year.			Remarks.
			Number of mahals formerly.	Number of mahals now.	Area partitioned.	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
20	8	19th March 1918.	15	22	8,208	
8	8	17th April 1919.	...	...	...	
17	17	14th March 1919.	...	2	1,712	
4	5	21st February 1919.	2	2	1,270	
...	...	...	...	...	...	
49	38	...	17	26	11,200	
8	6	19th October 1917.	...	...	...	
21	14	20th October 1916.	4	9	2,184	
10	13	25th July 1918.	7	20	8,317	
...	3	8th July 1919.	...	...	...	
28	17	18th September 1918.	16	53	8,740	
67	53	...	27	82	19,241	
13	15	21st December 1917.	15	29	7,888	
16	19	10th November 1918	9	33	8,166	
13	2	16th November 1917.	2	7	4,506	
...	1	15th May 1919.	...	...	...	
24	12	4th July 1918.	...	22	10,302	
66	49	...	26	91	30,862	
25	13	19th July 1917.	12	31	6,031	
30	16	9th April 1918	11	31	11,109	
26	21	4th January 1918.	21	44	17,008	
81	50	...	44	106	34,208	
263	190	...	114	305	95,511	

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT L.—Showing work under certain heads of Revenue business during the revenue year ending the 30th September 1919.

Heads of business.	Division.	Number of cases			Particulars of disposal.		
		Pending at commencement of year.	Instituted during year.	Disposed of during year.	Withdrawn, compromised or referred to Civil Court.	Rejected in default as time barred or after inquiry.	Decided wholly or partially in favour of applicants.
Land Revenue Act.							
I.—Enquiries into the claims of thekadars to protected status under Section 107.	Jubbulpore ...	3	2	4	2	1	1
	Nerbudda ..	...	5	3	1	2	..
	Nagpur ...	...	1	1	...	...	1
	Chhattisgarh ...	13	21	21	2	11	8
	Total ..	16	29	29	5	14	10
II.—Application by sadar-lambardar or lambardar for recovery of an arrear (Section 157).	Jubbulpore ...	26	76	93	4	33	56
	Nerbudda ...	39	77	101	19	25	57
	Nagpur ..	18	362	321	30	39	252
	Chhattisgarh ...	1	9	9	...	5	4
Tenancy Act.	Total ...	84	524	524	53	102	369
III.—Application by tenant to deposit rent (Section 8).	Jubbulpore ...	1	5	6	...	3	3
	Nerbudda .	2	61	61	...	8	53
	Nagpur ..	2	28	39	5	12	13
	Chhattisgarh ...	3	85	85	5	10	70
	Total ...	8	179	182	10	33	139
IV.—Application by tenant for imposing penalty on landlord for leaving anything in excess of rent legally payable (Section 10).	Jubbulpore ...	2	16	15	2	4	9
	Nerbudda ...	...	6	6	...	1	5
	Nagpur ...	1	7	7	...	6	1
	Chhattisgarh ..	4	2	5	1	3	1
	Total ...	7	31	33	3	14	16
V.—Application by tenant for imposing penalty on landlord for refusing to grant receipt for rent paid (Section 12).	Jubbulpore ..	3	20	24	5	11	5
	Nerbudda .	1	9	9	2	4	3
	Nagpur ...	4	8	11	1	9	1
	Chhattisgarh ...	1	1	2	...	2	...
	Total ...	9	38	43	8	26	9
VI.—Appplication by landlord to enhance rent because of improvements made by him (Section 13).	Jubbulpore ...	...	19	18	...	2	16
	Nerbudda ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhattisgarh ..	2	...	2	...	1	1
	Total ..	2	19	20	...	3	17
VII.—Application by tenant to have rent reduced owing to effect of improvement having ceased (Sections 14).	Jubbulpore ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nerbudda ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur ..	...	2	...	...	...	...
	Chhattisgarh ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ..	...	2	...	...	...	...
VIII.—Application to enhance, alter or commute rent (Sections 15 to 17).	Jubbulpore ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nerbudda ...	...	7	7	...	1	6
	Nagpur ...	...	20	20	...	2	18
	Chhattisgarh ...	1	49	50	...	20	30
	Total ...	1	76	77	...	23	54
IX.—Application by tenant against landlord for illegally distraining produce of holding (Section 30).	Jubbulpore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nerbudda ..	...	...	...		...	...
	Nagpur ...	...	...	...	..	...	...
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	...	...	...	..	...
	Total ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
X.—Application by landlord against person removing produce after service of distraint notice (Section 30).	Jubbulpore ..	1	1	1	..	1	...
	Nerbudda ...	1	...	1	...	1	...
	Nagpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	...		...	...	...
	Total ...	2	1	2	...	2	...
XI.—Application to be placed in possession of surrendered occupancy holding (Section 36).	Jubbulpore ...	4	19	17	1	16	...
	Nerbudda ...	12	80	69	10	45	14
	Nagpur ...	16	46	39	9	13	17
	Chhattisgarh ...	2	5	5	...	4	1
	Total ...	34	150	130	20	78	32
XII.—Application to transfer *sir* land [Section 45 (2)].	Jubbulpore ...	(a) 20	139	124	7	90	77
	Nerbudda ...	28	102	118	7	62	49
	Nagpur ...	24	175	167	18	83	66
	Chhattisgarh ...	19	101	80	6	34	40
	Total ...	91	517	489	38	269	232

(a) Last year's figure was wrong.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT L.—Showing work under certain heads of Revenue business during the revenue year ending the 30th September 1919.—(Concld.)

Heads of business.	Division.	Number of cases.			Particulars of disposal.		
		Pending at commencement of year.	Instituted during year.	Disposed of during year.	Withdrawn, compromised or referred to Civil Court.	Rejected in default as time barred or after inquiry.	Decided wholly or partially in favour of applicants.
XIII.—Application to set aside transfer made by occupancy tenant (Section 47).	Jubbulpore ...	7	38	40	10	23	7
	Nerbudda ...	13	37	42	11	24	7
	Nagpur ..	16	48	57	7	41	9
	Chhattisgarh ...	29	86	99	18	56	25
	Total ...	65	209	238	46	144	48
XIV.—Application to enhance rent of occupancy tenants (Section 51).	Jubbulpore ...	...	...	...	...	..	...
	Nerbudda ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nagpur ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhattisgarh ..	...	..	...	...	...	...
	Total ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
XV.—Declaration of sub-tenants to have rights of ordinary tenants (Section 61).	Jubbulpore ..	...	...	..	...	...	...
	Nerbudda ..	4	10	14	2	9	3
	Nagpur ..	...	4	1	..	1	...
	Chhattisgarh ..	...	...	...	...	..	...
	Total ..	4	11	15	2	10	3
XVI.—Service of notice of enhancement on ordinary tenant (Section 64).	Jubbulpore ..	...	116	93	...	6	87
	Nerbudda ..	...	5	4	...	3	1
	Nagpur ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	...	..	...	...	...
	Total ...	...	121	97	...	9	88
XVII.—Application by landlord for ejectment of tenant in default of agreeing to enhancement [Section 65 (2)].	Jubbulpore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Nerbudda .	1	2	3	1	1	1
	Nagpur ..	...	...	...	...	..	...
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	1	2	3	1	1	1
XVIII.—Application to set aside transfer made by ordinary tenant (Section 71).	Jubbulpore ..	4	4	7	2	4	1
	Nerbudda .	4	16	17	3	8	6
	Nagpur ..	...	11	9	2	4	3
	Chhattisgarh ...	19	63	66	14	36	16
	Total ...	27	94	99	21	52	26
XIX.—Application to confer occupancy rights and to fix rent of holding for purposes of Section 73.	Jubbulpore ...	...	4	1	...	...	1
	Nerbudda ..	2	5	7	..	3	4
	Nagpur ..	...	7	7	...	1	6
	Chhattisgarh ...	...	2	2	...	1	1
	Total ...	2	18	17	...	5	12
XX.—Fixation of fair rent on a reference by the Civil Court (Section 78).	Jubbulpore ...	5	1	6	4	1	1
	Nerbudda ..	...	2	1	..	...	1
	Nagpur .	...	3	3	...	1	2
	Chhattisgarh ..	...	3	3	...	3	...
	Total ...	5	9	13	4	5	4
XXI.—Application for execution of decree by ejectment of tenant (Sections 82 and 85).	Jubbulpore ..	91	345	373	21	112	240
	Nerbudda ..	119	346	384	16	81	287
	Nagpur ..	106	506	553	45	176	332
	Chhattisgarh ..	26	68	75	10	25	40
	Total .	342	1,265	1,385	92	394	899
XXII.—Application by tenant for reinstatement after illegal ejectment (Section 52).	Jubbulpore ..	20	143	137	27	70	40
	Nerbudda ...	11	84	72	17	38	17
	Nagpur ..	8	65	67	15	27	25
	Chhattisgarh ..	10	46	43	12	20	11
	Total ..	49	338	319	71	155	93

STATEMENT M.—Showing Principal Suits between Landlords and Tenants under the Central
ending the 30th

Division.	District.	Suits for arrears of rent.			
		Number disposed of during year.			Number
		Compromised.	Decreed for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Decreed for defendant or dismissed in default.	Executed by sale of distrained produce.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Jubbulpore ...	Saugor	17	829	136	
	Damoh	8	260	101	...
	Jubbulpore	46	509	175	
	Mandla	3	86	34	...
	Seoni	4	232	31	..
	Total ...	78	1,916	497	13
Nerbudda ...	Narsinghpur	44	414	126	...
	Hoshangabad	70	610	102	...
	Nimar	31	292	86	...
	Betul	21	139	26	...
	Chhindwara	25	272	41	...
	Total ...	191	1,727	381	...
Nagpur ...	Wardha	84	744	173	187
	Nagpur	71	1,334	333	406
	Chanda	7	199	36	...
	Bhandara	18	344	57	1
	Balaghat	21	150	41	...
	Total ...	201	2,771	640	594
Chhattisgarh ...	Raipur	32	339	69	...
	Bilaspur	23	237	48	...
	Drug	28	110	52	...
	Total ...	83	677	169	...
	Grand Total ...	553	7,091	1,667	607

Provinces Tenancy Act in the districts of the Central Provinces during the revenue year September 1919.

			Suits for ejectment of tenants on the ground that the holding consists entirely of *sir* land or under Section 52 (*b*).			Suits by tenants for recovery of possession.		
of decrees.			Number disposed of during year.			Number disposed of during the year.		
Transferred to Collector under Section 84.		Transferred to Revenue Officer under Section 85.	Compromised.	Decreed for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Decreed for defendant or dismissed in default.	Compromised.	Decreed for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Decreed for defendant or dismissed in default.
Total number transferred.	Number in which sale held by Collector during the year.							
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
10	...	103	1	1	2	4	2	2
7	5	55	...	...	...	1	7	11
19	...	101	...	5	2	...	17	10
...	...	26	...	...	...	...	1	...
...	...	62	...	1	3	1	2	5
36	5	347	1	7	7	6	29	28
12	1	64	2	4	...	...	1	3
85	49	107	...	...	...	3	...	...
...	...	60	...	6	2	...	25	16
...	...	25	...	...	...	3	6	1
...	..	44	...	...	3	1	1	2
97	50	300	2	10	5	7	33	22
20	4	149	...	...	...	..	2	1
44	2	257	...	...	2	1	3	12
...	...	25	...	...	...	...	...	4
11	...	47	...	2	4	1	14	6
...	...	17	...	1	2	3	6	6
75	6	495	...	3	8	5	25	29
...	...	27	1	7	1	3	8	11
...	...	9	...	2	6	5	6	14
...	...	30	...	...	...	2	...	5
...	...	66	1	9	7	10	14	30
208	61	1,208	4	29	27	28	101	109

STATEMENT N.—Giving details of land sold by Collector under precept from Civil

Division.	District.	Number of sales ordered by Civil Courts.			Number of cases in which sale has been averted by payment of claim.	Number of cases in which sales has been averted by temporary alienation.
		Pending at close of preceding year.	During the year.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Jubbulpore	Saugor	92	178	270	68	2
	Damoh	51	96	147	23	2
	Jubbulpore	67	110	177	42	8
	Mandla	6	5	11	7	...
	Seoni	25	30	55	11	...
	Total	241	419	660	151	12
Nerbudda	Narsinghpur	102	100	202	45	7
	Hoshangabad	236	302	538	131	8
	Nimar	113	84	197	27	3
	Betul	39	50	89	16	6
	Chhindwara	120	194	314	51	...
	Total	610	730	1,340	270	24
Nagpur	Wardha	186	269	455	167	..
	Nagpur	202	458	660	151	3
	Chanda	55	148	203	52	1
	Bhandara	55	163	218	67	2
	Balaghat	38	53	91	43	1
	Total	536	1,091	1,627	480	7
Chhattisgarh	Raipur	46	123	169	22	6
	Bilaspur	16	43	59	18	1
	Drug	61	116	177	8	13
	Total	123	282	405	48	20
	Grand Total	1,510	2,522	4,032	949	63

Courts during the revenue year ending the 30th September 1919.

Number of cases in which sale has taken place.		Number of cases in which sale has been refused on the decree-holder refusing to take a lease on reasonable terms.	Number of cases struck off in default or otherwise.	Number of cases pending at close of year.	Result of sales of revenue-paying property.				Number of years' purchase (column 16 on column 13.)
Villages, shares of villages and malik-makbuza plots.	Absolute-occupancy holdings.				Amount of land revenue assessed on property transferred (column 8 only.)	Price realised.	Add amount of encumbrances known to exist on the property at the time of sale.	Theoretical deduced price (Total of columns 14 and 15).	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
					Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
16	16	...	81	87	2,332	50,686	10,000	60,686	26·02
10	11	...	39	62	258	2,686	4,000	6,686	25·91
14	20	...	32	61	1,284	8,429	2,855	11,284	8·79
...	...	..	3	1	...	...	...	...	...
8	3	...	13	20	202	7,627	4,000	11,627	57·55
48	50	...	168	231	4,076	69,428	20,855	90,283	22·14
2	12	...	39	97	177	550	823	1,373	7·00
6	36	...	92	265	804	13,799	8,000	21,799	27·11
28	...	...	22	117	726	18,016	7,984	26,000	35·81
1	8	...	7	51	29	6,155	2,925	9,080	313·10
2	32	...	112	117	25	1,804	3,241	5,045	201·8
39	88	...	272	647	1,761	40,324	22,973	63,297	35·94
40	57	...	104	87	4,603	55,078	42,600	97,678	21·22
23	36	39	190	218	1,936	64,301	8,616	72,917	37·66
9	19	2	76	44	216	5,742	2,480	8,222	38·06
14	14	5	28	88	496	7,968	1,000	8,968	18·08
3	9	...	21	14	281	7,194	...	7,194	25·60
89	135	46	419	451	7,532	1,40,283	54,696	1,94,979	25·88
11	13	1	40	76	278	11,546	7,781	19,327	69
1	3	...	13	23	9	375	...	375	38·70
5	13	...	56	82	28	4,306	...	4,306	154
17	29	1	109	181	315	16,227	7,781	24,008	80
193	302	47	968	1,510	13,684	2,66,262	1,06,305	3,72,567	27·22

STATEMENT O.—Showing general Revenue business transacted

Division.	District.	Cultivated area of district in square miles.	Population	Number of villages.	Land revenue excluding cesses.	Number of cases for disposal.		
						Pending at close of preceding year.	Instituted during the year.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Jubbulpore	Saugor ...	(*b*) 1,600	541,410	2,085	7,38,500	285	6,256	6,541
	Domoh ...	(*c*) 1,188	333,047	1,393	3,08,199	188	5,276	5,464
	Jubbulpore ...	(*d*) 1,930	745,892	2,537	7,80,493	238	7,111	7,349
	Mandla ...	(*e*) 1,462	405,234	2,010	1,95,739	136	3,825	3,961
	Seoni ..	(*e*) 1,533	396,326	(a) 1,635	2.59,952	198	4,095	4,293
	Total ...	7,713	2,421,909	9,660	22,82,883	1,045	26,563	27,608
Nerbudda	Narsinghpur ...	978	325,677	1,104	6,25,079	418	2,545	2,963
	Hoshangabad ..	(*b*) 1,572	457,395	1,368	8,44,353	547	3,900	4,447
	Nimar ..	(*c*) 1,289	391,071	(*a*) 1,128	5,82,769	213	4,210	4,423
	Betul ...	(*d*) 1,529	390,386	1,276	1,70,023	169	3,704	3,873
	Chhindwara ...	(*b*) 1,895	516,948	1,930	4,16,643	236	5,157	5,393
	Total ...	7,263	2,081,477	6,806	26,38,867	1,583	19,516	21,099
Nagpur	Wardha ...	1,690	459,796	1,369	8,14,868	617	5,623	6,240
	Nagpur ...	(*b*) 2,214	809,901	1,939	13,34,918	572	8,925	9,497
	Chanda ...	(*b*) 1,555	677,544	2,984	3,28,684	279	5,302	5,581
	Bhandara ..	(*a*) 1,428	685,134	1,652	3,91,118	217	6,151	6,368
	Balaghat ...	(*b*) 975	477,288	1,309	3,05,552	144	3,177	3,321
	Total ...	7,862	3,109,663	9,253	31,75,140	1,829	29,178	31,007
Chhattisgarh	Raipur ...	3,846	1,324,856	4,324	4,65,663	336	8,012	8,348
	Bilaspur ...	(*a*) 2,919	1,146,223	3,538	2,72,700	168	8,317	8,485
	Drug ...	2,626	775,688	2,622	4,65,096	307	6,331	6,638
	Total ...	9,391	3,246,767	10,484	12,03,459	811	22,660	23,471
	Grand Total ...	32,229	10,859,816	36,200	93,00,349	5,268	97,917	103,185

during the revenue year ending the 30th September 1919.

Number of cases disposed of.	Number of cases pending at close of the year.	Number of cases pending more than				Number of English letters in Revenue Department.		Remarks.
		Three months.	Six months.	Nine months.	Twelve months.	Issues.	Receipts.	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
5,905	636	172	1	1	25	1,659	1,489	*Jubbulpore Division.*
5,150	314	...	13	...	6	1,824	2,184	(*a*) The decrease is due to amalgamation of villages.
6,150	1,199	53	4	...	3	3,349	2,539	(*b*) The decrease is due to the transfer of new fallow to old fallow and the afforestation of malguzari land.
3,659	302	5	6	...	...	902	994	(*c*) The increase is due to the extension of cultivation.
4,058	235	66	1	1	4	1,467	2,125	(*d*) The decrease is due the classification of land as out of cultivation owing to adverse season.
24,922	2,686	296	25	2	38	9,201	9,331	(*e*) The decrease is due to non-cultivation of land owing to adverse season.
								Nerbudda Division.
2,581	382	21	13	1	64	897	1,535	(*a*) The increase is due to the splitting up of Bhamarli village into two.
3,881	566	56	40	12	91	342	886	(*b*) The decrease is due to the transfer of new fallow to old fallow.
4,038	385	120	20	3	55	1,210	621	(*c*) The decrease is due to the surrender of raiyatwari areas.
3,664	209	17	15	2	17	1,037	1,372	(*d*) The increase is due to the revision of settlement.
5,169	224	9	14	3	31	1,849	2,193	
19,333	1,766	223	102	21	258	5,335	6,607	
								Nagpur Division.
5,478	762	120	57	5	18	1,452	1,571	(*a*) The increase is due to the bringing of old fallow under cultivation.
8,501	996	110	24	9	18	3,932	3,955	(*b*) The decrease is due to non-cultivation of rabi land for want of sufficient moisture.
5,296	285	49	6	2	2	405	1,158	
5,788	580	13	8	2	7	2,578	2,851	
3,193	128	9	4	...	2	3,201	4,005	
28,256	2,751	301	99	18	47	11,568	13,540	
								Chhattisgarh Division.
7,894	454	43	25	5	11	2,218	2,627	(*a*) The decrease is due to non-cultivation of 17 square miles for want of moisture.
7,788	697	26	15	...	6	481	1,104	
5,714	924	59	36	8	15	217	635	
21,396	2,075	128	76	13	32	2,916	4,366	
93,907	9,278	948	302	54	375	29,020	33,844	

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FROM

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COMMISSIONER OF SETTLEMENTS AND DIRECTOR OF LAND RECORDS,

Central Provinces,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER,

LAND RECORDS DEPARTMENT,

Central Provinces.

Nagpur, the 15th January 1920.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the operations of the Land Records and the Settlement Departments of the Central Provinces for the year ending 30th September 1919.

2. I was in charge of the Departments and Mr. Chhotelal Verma, Extra-Assistant Commissioner, held the post of Assistant to the Director of Land Records throughout the year under report.

I.—LAND RECORDS ESTABLISHMENT.

Revision of establishment.

3. The revision in the patwari halkabandi of the Jubbulpore and Hoshangabad districts was sanctioned during the year and brought into force from 1st April 1919 in the Hoshangabad district; but owing to famine operations in the Jubbulpore district the change of circles was postponed until the 15th October 1919.

Two additional posts of Tahsildars have also been created in order that Damoh and Narsinghpur may, like other districts, be in charge of an officer of that standing as Superintendent of Land Records.

Measures taken to improve the prospects of the staff.

4. The sanction of the Local Administration to raise the pony and contingent allowances from Rs. 10 and annas 8 to Rs. 15 and Re. 1 per mensem, respectively, was given effect from the 1st April 1919. The scheme for grading the patwari staff into four classes and increasing their pay has now been extended to five more districts; in the three districts now remaining this will come into force on 1st April next.

II.—LAND RECORDS WORK.

Changes in the system of Land Records.

5. There has been no change in the system of Land Records. The revised rules regulating the appointment, punishment, suspension, dismissal and residence of Revenue Inspectors and patwaris are to issue shortly.

Condition of village maps, including renewal of traces.

6. The general condition of village maps is reported to be on the whole good, and every effort is being made to remedy the defects which are being brought to light by the Deputy Directors of Land Records in the course of their inspections. Defaced and worn out maps are being renewed, but owing to the employment of patwaris during the year on relief measures, distribution of taccavi, enquiry into suspensions of revenue and similar matters the renewal of traces is in arrears in some districts. The correction of the survey of large areas in the Drug and Raipur districts has been taken up and fair progress appears to have been made in the Drug district. In the Narsinghpur district which will shortly come under resettlement, the Land Records staff has been strengthened temporarily in order to bring the maps up to date before the attestation parties start work.

A Deputy Director has been appointed for the Chhattisgarh Division since the close of the year, but he is at presenton special duty in this office. Each Division has now a Deputy Director to supervise the correct maintenance of maps and records, and the inspections and check carried out by these officers in the Nagpur and Nerbudda Divisions have resulted in great improvement in the record work as well as in the discipline of the staff.

Condition of village boundary marks, permanent marks for traverse stations and boundary marks of survey numbers in raiyatwari villages.

7. Considerable improvement appears to have been effected in the renewal and repair of village boundary and traverse station marks in Damoh, Jubbulpore, Mandla, Narsinghpur, Hoshangabad, Nagpur and Wardha. Warnings were freely issued to mukaddams and malguzars and several fines inflicted for neglect in the Narsinghpur, Wardha and Nagpur districts. In Narsinghpur a very large number of these marks have either been removed or washed away in jungly tracts and villages bordering nalas, while others were lost owing to neglect. A traverse party was therefore sent to that district to fix new subtraverse lines required for the survey of newly broken or incorrectly surveyed areas of land and this work has been finished in 363 villages. The boundary marks in raiyatwari villages are generally reported to be in satisfactory condition.

As a result of the instructions issued by district officers to their staff to pay special attention to the condition of boundary and survey marks during their tours there has been a marked improvement in this maintenance of survey marks; but it is a matter which should receive constant attention every year.

Check of village records in districts not under settlement—

(*a*) By Revenue Inspectors.

8. Revenue Inspectors have tested the khasra work in practically all the villages of their respective charges and their checking has on the whole been adequate and satisfactory.

(*b*) By Superintendent of Land Records and Assistant Superintendent of Land Records.

9. The number of entries tested by Superintendents of Lands Records and their Assistants in districts not under settlement is 119,513 in 4,352 villages, which is a little over 9 per cent of the total entries checked by Revenue Inspectors against 11 per cent in the previous year. This slight decrease is due to short testing done in Jubbulpore, Mandla, Hoshangabad, Balaghat, Raipur and Bilaspur and is mainly attributed to dislocation of work by famine operations and influenza.

(*c*) By Tahsildars and Naib-Tahsildars.

10. A larger amount of testing has been done this year by Tahsildars and their Naibs in most of the districts. The number of entries tested in the Jubbulpore, Mandla, Narsinghpur, Chhindwara, Nagpur and Raipur districts, however, shows a decrease, due apparently to these officers having been engaged on other special work. This matter is receiving the attention of the Divisional Commissioners; and on the whole I think that the Tahsildars are beginning to appreciate the reason of their responsibility in this connection.

(*d*) By Deputy Commissioners and their Assistants.

11. There has been some improvement in the checking of village papers by Deputy Commissioners and their Assistants. The number of entries tested in Narsinghpur, Wardha and Raipur is comparatively low owing to the conditions of the year. I am indebted to Mr. A. K. Smith, Deputy Commissioner of Khandwa, for the large amount of checking done by him and the keen interest he has taken in Land Records work generally.

(*e*) By Deputy Director of Land Records.

12. Mr. Sinclair Jones held the post of Deputy Director of Land Records, Nagpur Division, throughout the year. Mr. Anthony assumed charge as Deputy Director of the Nerbudda Division in November 1918. Mr. Chhote Lal was appointed to the Jubbulpore Division in November 1918, but was placed on nazul enquiry work at Hinganghat till June 1919 and for the rest of the year was preparing the records for the nazul area of the Jubbulpore Civil Station. Mr. Jones spent 125 days on tour inspecting 166 patwari and 20 Revenue Inspectors' Circles. He also inspected 12 Land Record and Kanungos' offices.

Mr. Anthony spent 230 days on tour, inspected 164 patwari and 29 Revenue Inspectors' Circles, tested 1,317 khasra entries and examined 23 Land Record and Kanungos' offices.

Both Messrs. Jones and Anthony have done much useful work. Their inspections have been thorough ; and now that they have got into their work and understand its full scope, their notes are of great assistance to me. They have systematised the inspection by the District staff ; and in all districts dealt with by them up to date there is distinct improvement in the work and discipline of the staff. In Narsinghpur Mr. Anthony has initiated a scheme for map correction, prior to resettlement, by the district staff ; and in the Nagpur Division the preparation of traces on sheets backed with cloth is being extended to three districts under Mr. Jones' supervision.

13. I visited Chhindwara, Betul, Hoshangabad, Seoni, Chanda, Bhandara, Raipur, Jubbulpore, Narsinghpur and Wardha districts for the inspection of Settlement and Land Records and nazul work, spending 131 days on tour.

(f) By the Director and the Assistant Director.

My Assistant also visited 9 districts and inspected Land Records offices as well as map correction work.

14. The check by Kanungos was up to the standard except in the Chhattisgarh Division, where the percentage varied from 6 to 9 against the fixed standard of 10. The Deputy Commissioner, Bilaspur, has taken steps to work off the arrears as soon as possible, whereas in Drug the Deputy Commissioner is of opinion that the prescribed standard has been pitched too high to admit of a satisfactory check. This point will be considered on receipt of separate proposals from him. The small number of errors discovered by the Kanungos in Saugor, Mandla, Hoshangabad, Narsinghpur, Chhindwara and Raipur indicates a very perfunctory check, and this point should receive the attention of the Deputy Directors.

(g) Check of Jamabandis by Kanungos.

15. The village papers were filed in most districts fairly punctually and the few instances of default without satisfactory reason have been suitably dealt with. The delay in filing Jamabandis, Milan Khasras and Jinswars, including Kistbandis of raiyatwari villages in Mandla, Jubbulpore, Bilaspur and Drug is attributed partly to sickness and partly to scarcity operations.

Degree of punctuality observed in filing village papers.

16. Kanungos' offices have been fully inspected and the work has been found generally in good order except in Banda (Saugor), Amarwara (Chhindwara), Nagpur and Baloda Bazar (Raipur).

Condition of Kanungos' offices.

17. Sanads were granted in 8 districts to 119 persons for agricultural improvements against 98 sanads in 12 districts in the preceding year. The number granted was by far the largest in the Bhandara district.

Issue of sanads for agricultural improvements.

18. Patwaris in 10 districts were entrusted with the sale of quinine and in many schools the boys were instructed in patwari papers. Patwaris also issued a very large number of grazing passes, and passes for sale of country liquor ; and they also rendered assistance to the Irrigation and Agriculture Departments, particularly in the Raipur District, where many patwaris have been given rewards by the latter Department for stimulating the transplantation of rice. There is a marked improvement in the accuracy of the work connected with the preparation of grazing passes ; this has now been well supervised and checked by the superior Land Records staff. A mass of additional work was imposed upon the Land Records staff in connection with takavi distribution, enquiries into damage by hail, failure of crops, census of food-stocks, suspensions of revenue, etc., at a time when the influenza epidemic had already caused numerous casualties ; and it has been freely admitted that in the face of the trying conditions of the year the staff discharged their numerous duties both cheerfully and efficiently.

Miscellaneous work.

III.—Conduct of Land Records Staff.

Residence of patwaris within their circles.

19. Out of the total number of 4,942 patwaris 454 were living outside their circles, *i. e.*, 187 with, and 267 without, permission against 203 and 291, respectively, in the previous year. The percentage of those living out without permission has thus fallen slightly and steps are being taken to reduce it still further. Seoni, Betul and Bilaspur return the largest number of non-resident patwaris. In the first two districts settlement work has prevented strict enforcement of the rules.

Training of patwaris.

20. Classes were as usual held at the head-quarters of Revenue Inspectors for the instruction of patwaris and patwari candidates, in all the districts save Betul, where all the Revenue Inspectors were busy in the rainy season in connection with famine operations.

Conduct and discipline of patwaris.

21. The disciplinary measures taken against patwaris during the year under report as compared with the previous year are detailed below :—

	1917-18.	1918-19.
Total number of patwaris in the Central Provinces.	5,035	4,942
Dismissals	77	82
Reductions	25	36
Suspensions	184	181
Transfers	37	39

The number of punishments is nearly the same as last year; non-residence in their circles and neglect of duty have been the chief faults. The conduct of the staff in the Raipur district has greatly improved, and although a few of the other districts show some deterioration, the standard of discipline has, on the whole, not been unsatisfactory.

Revenue Inspectors, their qualifications, conduct and discipline.

22. The number of cases in which Inspectors were punished has risen from 6 last year to 12 in the year under report, the increase being mainly under fines for neglect of duties in the Hoshangabad district. On the whole, however, this class of official has worked well; and the limiting of recruitment to the experienced Settlement staff is undoubtedly giving districts men of a better stamp. Good conduct allowances have been freely recommended and granted during the year; and all the district reports express commendation of the work of these men.

Superintendents of Land Records, Assistant Superintendents of Land Records, their qualification, conduct and discipline.

23. There are still rather too many changes in the incumbency of these posts; but in the districts where there was not much dislocation, the Superintendents and their Assistants conducted their duties satisfactorily. Much of their time was taken up during the year with miscellaneous work which they are reported to have performed loyally. There are still several posts held by old hands who were accustomed to work in a groove, but the close supervision now exercised by the Divisional Deputy Director of Land Records is causing distinct improvement in their methods. As the majority of the Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents have been commended for good work, it would be invidious to single out any of these for special mention here.

IV.—Utilization of Land Records.

Circle note-books.

24. The circle note-books for almost all malguzari and raiyatwari villages have been written up to date in the districts which are not under settlement. Those of a few tahsils of which the entries were still to be made were being completed at the close of the year.

Village note-books.

25. Village note-books for almost all villages have been brought up to date. Worn-out or missing books are being replaced by new ones in the revised form, and inaccuracies in the old books are being corrected.

PART II.—OPERATIONS OF THE SETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT.

I.—The Revenue Settlement of Malguzari Villages.

26. *General.*—The opreations conducted during the year ending 30th September 1919 consisted of—

(*i*) the revision of the settlement in the raiyatwari, malguzari and zamindari villages in the Bhandara district and malguzari and raiyatwari villages of Seoni, Betul and Chanda, and

(*ii*) correction of maps and records in the Chanda district.

Mr. E. Gordon, I.C.S., Settlement Officer.
Assistant Settlement Officers.—Messrs. A. V. Deshpande, Azmat Ali, Balwant Rao, Purushottam Lal, Mahabir Prasad and V. B. Joshi.

27. *Bhandara.*—Mr. Gordon remained in charge during the year till the 18th August 1919 when he proceeded on 3 months' privilege leave. Mr. Azmat Ali held charge of the work during his absence. Mr. A. V. Deshpande, Assistant Settlement Officer, retired from Government service on the 1st June 1919.

The attestation of 169 villages of the Gondia tahsil which had remained over from the previous year and as many villages of the western portion of the Sakoli tahsil as could be dealt with before the end of April was taken in hand. Work was started in November and by the end of April 444 villages, covering an area of 754 square miles, were attested and inspected. Mr. Gordon speaks enthusiastically of the procedure which, after trial in Betul, he was permitted to introduce in Bhandara. In all except 52 villages, where the work had been done last year on the old system, a simplified soil classification was adopted whereby the list of soils and positions was considerably curtailed. With a simpler fard zamin, in place of the old lengthy document, incidences were worked out at inspection and acreage rates proposed on the spot for the different classes of soil in each village. The acreage rates were then applied to a few selected holdings in the presence of the tenants, and in villages with only a few classes of soils the revised rents announced without delay. The new method appeals to the villagers and very materially reduces the work of the Settlement Officer and his staff.

The work of announcement was taken up in the first week of May and the whole of the rents of the Gondia tahsil and 108 villages of Sakoli were announced before the rains set in. In all 602 villages covering an area of 1,191 square miles were announced. The Settlement Officer was present during the whole announcement and heard objections which were somewhat numerous in the Gondia tahsil. In the villages where attestation had been done on the simplified system of soil classification, complaints of unequal rents were fewer while the announcement in Sakoli was made without any serious objection. The misls of 444 villages inspected during the year were compiled and the attestation traces and map correction sheets compared, and amended, and Rent Rate and Assessment Reports for 8 groups covering these villages were submitted before the close of the year. Proposals for 6 raiyatwari villages have also since been submitted. The completed records of 283 villages, including the wajib-ul-arz for both the Government and patwari copies, have been faired and passed, and the first copy including the wajib-ul-arz for 450 villages completed; and the records of the 171 villages transferred to Balaghat were handed over to the Deputy Commissioner of that district complete with misls and registers. The entire settlement staff worked at full pressure and generally satisfactorily for the whole of the year; and the Settlement Officer brings to special notice the excellent services rendered by his assistants Messrs. Azmat Ali and Deshpande. The latter has now retired after 31 years' service in the Department.

28. *Seoni.*—Field work started in October and, although the Additional Revenue Inspectors were sent out at the end of that month, the full parties under the Assistant Settlement Officers could not take the field before the end of November owing to the influenza epidemic; and even then little work was completed before the middle of December. With a view, however, to complete the attestation the staff was strengthened by the addition of 2 Assistant Settlement Officers and

Mr. K. L. B. Hamilton, I.C.S., Settlement Officer,
Assistant Settlement Officers:—Messrs. Pancham Lal, Sheocharanlal, Gaurishankar, and Saiyid Abdul Jabbar.

20 Additional Revenue Inspectors who were sent from Betul early in January and returned to that district by the end of April. By this time 440 malguzari and 87 raiyatwari villages were attested, thus completing the Lakhnadon tahsil. The Settlement Officer, too, was able, by working at high pressure, to complete the inspection of all these villages as well as those which were left over from the preceding year. On completion of attestation, badar work was taken in hand and completed. Announcement was started by four Assistant Settlement Officers under the general supervision of the Settlement Officer on the 1st May, and by the end of that month 2 groups of the Seoni tahsil and 6 of Lakhnadon tahsil, comprising 477 malguzari and 69 raiyatwari villages, were announced with practically no objections to rents. The group reports for the whole district were submitted by the close of the year.

The staff completed a heavy programme with efficiency and despatch; and all of them, from the Settlement Officer downwards, deserve to be congratulated on the results.

29. *Betul.*—Mr. Trench was in charge of the district for over 10 months of the year, in addition to his duties of Settlement Officer. The attestation of the Bhainsdehi tahsil was suspended for a year owing to crop failure, and influenza brought work almost to a standstill in the month of October. The attestation khasras of the Masod group were, however, completed and inspected by the Settlement Officer before the end of January. In the month of December Messrs. Shankarnath Mehta and Muhammad Abdul Khalique completed the rental announcement as well as the announcement of the wajib-ul-arz and kotwars' remuneration in the two groups of Jawalkhera and Dahwa. The revenue announcement of these groups was finished by the end of January 1919 while that of the Masod group was completed by the end of the year.

Mr. C. G. C. Trench, I.C.S., Settlement Officer.
Assistant Settlement Officers:—Messrs. Shankarnath Mehta, Muhammad Abdul Khalique, Madhorao and Mohanlal Dube.

The programme of office work was very full and, owing to a party of Additional Revenue Inspectors having been lent to the Seoni district, some madadgars had to be engaged. The work has been got through successfully and there now only remain the binding of 123 villages of Betul, and of the whole of the Multai records and transfer of these records to the district office. The current season's field work has therefore started with practically an empty office.

Mr. Shankarnath Mehta has shown great driving power and Mr. Muhammad Abdul Khalique has got through a large mass of vernacular record work. The Bhainsdehi tahsil will be completed in the current year.

30. *Chanda.*—Mr. Thakur assumed charge as Settlement Officer on the 4th October 1918 and most of his staff joined about the same time. The Warora tahsil was taken up first for attestation in the middle of November 1918 and 594 villages covering 962 square miles were attested by the end of May 1919. The Settlement Officer started his inspection at the end of November and by the end of June had inspected 470 villages. But for his absence at Nagpur for about three weeks on special duty, he would probably have finished inspecting the whole tahsil.

Mr. R. S. Thakur, B.A., Settlement Officer.
Assistant Settlement Officers:—Messrs. Abdul Ghaffar Khan, T. G. Matangay, Abdul Aziz Khan, K. K. Borgaonkar, V. R. Khisty and Durgaprasad.

During the field season 5 Additional Revenue Inspectors were allotted for compilation work and on its completion 32 Additional Revenue Inspectors and 57 patwaris were put on this work. The records of all the villages inspected by the Settlement Officer, *viz.*, 470, have been compiled and khasras faired. Jamabandis and other papers have been faired in 320 villages.

The work of mapping was in full swing during the rains. Sheets of 470 villages were amended and inked, of which 357 were passed by the Assistant Settlement Officer. Though deduced rents were calculated in 276 villages rents were proposed for only 179. Rent Rate and Assessment Reports of two groups were submitted during the year: this report work is slightly in arrears owing to Mr. Thakur's ill-health during the rains; but since the year closed the progress has been good. Mr. Thakur makes mention of all of his Assistants as having done good work.

II.—Correction of Maps and Records preparatory to resettlement.

31. Map correction by a special party in charge of Mr. Durga Prasad, Assistant Settlement Officer, was in progress in the Chanda district only. There was, however, considerable dislocation of work due to sickness and scarcity. The map correction of 397 villages of the Chanda tahsil over 44,994 acres and of 144 villages of the Brahmapuri tahsil was, however, completed.

III.—Surveys carried out.

32. *Town Surveys.*—The settlement of the nazul areas in Hinganghat which remained unfinished last year was completed. The work of surveying Jubbulpore Civil Station, Gondia, Seoni, Raipur and a large part of Chanda is finished : further work, including correction of records and all office work, is now dependent for its progress on the work of the Enquiry Officers in these areas.

The traverse operations under the direction of Mr. Johnson included the allocation of lost stations and the laying out of new sub-traverse lines. 372 villages were attended to in the Narsinghpur district, 73 in Nagpur and 1 in Chhindwara. A complete traverse was also made of the nazul areas in Gondia, Jubbulpore Civil Station, Saugor, Hoshangabad, Seoni, Chanda and Betul.

The total number of angles observed was 22,246 and the amount of chaining 178,493 chains. The amount of work that would have been saved had traverse stations been looked after properly by the District staff may be seen from the fact that 6,352 angles and 86,611 chains were taken up by the fixing of lost traverse-stations. In the nazul areas 12,419 angles were observed and 35,486 chains run. Azimuth observations were only made in the nazul areas, the number being 33.

IV.—Supply of Instruments and Forms.

33. During the year under report the Instruments and Stationery Depôt attached to my office issued instruments and drawing materials to the value of Rs. 8,561 as detailed below :—

	During the year.	Average of three previous years.
	Rs.	Rs.
(i) To the Settlement Department ...	5,265	2,314
(ii) To Deputy Commissioners, for use of patwaris and Land Record work.	2,558	7,614
(iii) To Feudatory States	18	1,746
(iv) Otherwise issued	720	883
	8,561	12,557

The increase in the expenditure under head "I.—Settlement Department" is principally due to the supply of a large stock of instruments indented for by the Deputy Director of Land Records, Nerbudda Division, for the map correction operations in Narsinghpur. It is, however, satisfactory to note that the expenditure under other heads shows a large decline, in spite of the abnormal rise in prices.

The value of the forms supplied through the Anjuman Islamia Press, Jubbulpore, amounted to Rs. 38,088 as shown below :—

	During the year.	Average of three previous years.
	Rs.	Rs.
To Settlement Department	6,505	5,106
To Deputy Commissioners, for maintenance of village records.	31,583	17,845
	38,088	22,951

There has been a rise of about 107 per cent in the cost of forms as compared with the pre-war prices, but owing to the better preparation of the year's indents in accordance with the instructions issued by me, and the careful and thorough check which those indents finally received in my office, the value of the forms purchased has not exceeded the average cost by more than 50 per cent.

The Depôt also arranged as usual for the supply to Deputy Commissioners through the same Press of 37,707 tenants' receipt books valued at Rs. 10,605.

For this economical management of the Depôt and supply of forms Mr. Chhotelal Verma, Assistant Settlement Commissioner, is responsible. By careful scrutiny of indents and proper distribution of existing stocks between districts he reduced expenditure to the minimum, without impairing the efficiency of the Depôt.

V.—Work of the Office of the Settlement Commissioner.

34. The number of reports dealt with by me during the year is detailed below :—

Serial No.	Name of district.	Name of tahsil.	Forecast report.	Combined Rent Rate and Assessment Report.		Tahsil Assessment Report.	Final Settlement Report.
				Number of reports.	Number of villages.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8.
1	Saugor ...	...	...	...	...	...	1
2	Hoshangabad ...	...	...	...	...	...	1
3	Chhindwara ...	...	...	...	...	...	1
4	Bhandara ...	Gondia ...	...	6	336	...	...
5	Seoni ...	Lakhuadon ...	...	8	538 100 Ry.	...	...
6	Betul ...	Betul ...	...	...	...	1	...
		Multai ...	...	3	164	...	...
		Total ...	...	17	...	1	3

The closure of work in Betul reduced the report work considerably: for during the greater part of the year only two Settlement Officers were sending up proposals.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

P. HEMINGWAY,

Commissioner of Settlements,

Central Provinces.

STATEMENT I—Showing the progress made in original Cadastral Servey and preparation of Land Record during the year ending the 30th September 1919.

District.	Field work.				Office work.				Remarks.
	Total area to be dealt with.	Disposed of previously.	Disposed of during the year.	Balance.	Total area to be dealt with.	Disposed of previously.	Disposed of during the year.	Balance.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
				Nil.					

STATEMENT II—Showing the progress made in Map Correction during the year ending the 30th September 1919.

District.	Field work.				Office work.				Remarks.
	Total area to be dealt with	Disposed of previously.	Disposed of during the year.	Balance.	Total area to be dealt with.	Disposed of previously.	Disposed of during the year.	Balance.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Sq. miles.	Sq. miles.	Sq. miles.	Sq. miles.	Sq. miles.	Sq. miles.	Sq. miles.	Sq. miles.	
Chanda	2,382	946	731	705	2,382	946	731	705	

STATEMENT III—Showing the progress made in the Regular Revision of Land Revenue Assessment (Field work) during the year ending the 30th September 1919.

District.		Attestation.						Announcement.			Remarks.
		Total to be attested.	Attested in previous years.	During the year under report.			Balance to be attested by Inspectors.	Total to be announced.	Announced during the previous year.	Announced during the year under report.	
				Attested by Inspectors.	Passed by Assistant Superior Officer.	Inspected by Superior Officer.					
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Bhandara	Area in square miles	3,418	1,860	694	714	754	864	3,418	1,111	1,191	
	Number of villages	1,825	1,054	419	426	444	350	1,825	706	602	
Seoni	Area in square miles	2,536	1,890	646	717	853	...	2,536	1,144	892	
	Number of villages	1,631	1,153	478	526	613	...	1,631	677	546	
Betul	Area in square miles	2,714	1,828	...	...	159	886	2,714	1,153	675	
	Number of villages	1,272	911	...	...	67	361	1,272	72	339	
Chanda	Area in square miles	962	...	962	962	715	...	...	...	...	For Warora Tahsil only.
	Number of villages	594	...	594	594	470	...	...	...	...	

STATEMENT IV—Showing the progress made in the Regular Revision of Land Revenue Assessment (Office work) during the year ending the 30th September 1919.

District.		Total to be assessed.	Records completed.	Records laired and passed.	Records copied for patwaris.	First trace made.	Second trace made.	Combined rent-rates and assessment report submitted.	Balance for assessment.	Misls completed after announcement.	Sheets amended.	Remarks.
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Bhandara ...	Area in square miles ...	3,418	2,554	689	1,996	2,131	1,111	2,554	864	689	2,554	
	Number of villages ...	1,823	1,473	379	1,142	1,198	705	1,473	350	379	1,473	
Seoni ...	Area in square miles ..	2,536	231	...	1,046	853	1,025	846	114	358	853	
	Number of villages ...	1,631	131	...	592	613	657	616	79	254	613	
Betul ...	Area in square miles ...	2,714	486	589	956	170	704	159	897	956	170	
	Number of villages ...	1,272	218	267	466	80	329	67	373	465	80	
Chanda ...	Area in square miles ...	962	713	474	...	...	...	92	870	...	713	
	Number of villages ...	594	470	320	...	...	...	67	527	...	470	

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